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Communists Retreat From Icheng

GUNBOATS SINK TWO RED RIVERCRAFT IN YANGTSE

Nanking Call To Cabinet Ministers At Canton

NANKING, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): Chinese Government gunboats today sank two Communist river craft on the Yangtse near Kiangyin about 85 miles north-west of Shanghai, according to Government claims.

But there was no confirmation of early reports that Communists made an attack across the river at this point.

These reports stated that the crew of the British destroyer 'Black Swan', going down river from Nanking watched the action.

REDS ATTACK VILLAGE

Before the gunboats opened fire today, Communists under cover of mortar and machinegun fire had attacked the village of Tawechian on the north bank opposite Kiangyin, usually reliable sources said.

The village was a mass of flames last night as the Communists strove to dislodge Government troops fighting a rearguard battle.

REDS WITHDRAW FROM ICHENG

Latest reports said Communists withdrawing from Icheng, 30 miles east of Nanking on the north bank, after yesterday's bombardment by Government warships were still holding part of the town.

Kan Chieh-How, who recently conferred with third party leaders in Nanking as Acting President Li Tsung-Jen's personal peace envoy, said today that Communist troops along the Yangtse had not reached sufficient strength to undertake the difficult river crossing immediately.

It would take four or five weeks to prepare the operations, and by that time, he hoped, peace negotiations would have started and fighting ceased.

ANOTHER ENVOY ON PEACE MISSION

Another envoy from the Acting President has left Nanking on a 75-mile journey up the grand canal through Communist-held territory in Kiangsu Province to Communist Army Headquarters at Kwaiyin.

Messages from Chinkiang, on the south bank of the Yangtse opposite the mouth of the grand canal, said the envoy, Lee Ming-Yang, would try to persuade Communists not to attack the Nanking-Shanghai area while the Government was intensifying its efforts to negotiate peace.

MARTIAL LAW IN HANKOW

In Hankow, General Pai Chung-Hsi, Government Commander in Central China, has decreed martial law and other drastic measures to restore order after a police strike which threw the city into panic, Chinese despatches said.

The police walkout, for higher wages, was followed by mob raids on shops. General Pai mobilised a volunteer police force, arrested about 400 currency speculators and appointed a new Mayor.

RUMOURS AFFECT GOLD YUAN

In Shanghai a spate of rumours, claiming the return of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to Nanking and abandonment of peace overtures by President Li, sent China's inflated Gold Yuan currency into another steep dive on the city's markets.

Tension eased when the Central Bank officially devalued the Yuan by raising its remittance rate from 260 to 400 per United States Dollar.

CANTON: Observers here thought it unlikely that the Chinese Cabinet would hold its first meeting here next Saturday. No important Government ministers had yet arrived in Canton.

Gen. Li Tsung-Jen, acting Chinese President, was today reported to have telephoned his Cabinet ministers in Canton telling them to return to Nanking after Saturday's proposed meeting, according to a Reuter Nanking dispatch.

More representatives of the British, Indian and Russian embassies arrived here today.

REDS ATTACK ACROSS YANGTSE?

NANKING, Feb. 2. (PTI-REUTER): Chinese Communist forces were reported early today to be launching their first attack across the Yangtse river on Government-held Kiangyin, about 85 miles north-west of Shanghai. Further west, the Communist drive towards Chang and the Yangtse continues and they are reported to be attacking points only 25 miles from Ichang.

Yu Yu-Jen, President of the Control Yuan, and Tung Kuan Hsien, President of the Legislative Yuan, today endorsed Chinese President Li Tsung Jen's appeal to Government Cabinet Ministers now in Canton to

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Two More Countries Recognise Israel

BOGOTA, Feb. 2. (PTI-Reuter):— The Government of Colombia, South America, last night recognised Israel. She is the 33rd country to do so.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 2, (PTI-Reuter):— The Danish Government has decided to extend 'de facto' recognition to Israel, it was officially announced tonight. Denmark is the 34th nation to extend recognition.

FIGHTING IN INSEIN

800 Karens Offering Stiff Resistance

RANGOON, Feb. 2 (Reuter): Burmese Government reinforcements were today fighting Karen insurgents in smoke-filled streets of Insein, ten miles north of Rangoon, Government reports said.

Karens were attacking police headquarters and Government troops holding out round the town's market place.

Roof-top watchers in Rangoon saw smoke from burning houses rising over Insein, which has a population of 20,000. Hundreds of refugees arrived in the Capital.

Government reports said that about 800 Karens with modern weapons had established a stronghold near Thamaing on the Rangoon-Insein road and were offering stiff resistance from a network of trenches.

Burmese troops in the area had not yet launched a full-scale offensive, the reports said.

No Secret Viet Minh Pact With Mao Tse-Tung

PARIS, Feb. 2, (P.T.I. Reuter): Ho Chi Minh, Leader of Viet Minh autonomists fighting the French in Indo-China, denied in a broadcast speech yesterday that he had a secret agreement with Gen. Mao Tse-Tung, the Chinese Communist leader, it was reported from Hanoi.

Ho Chi Minh said that "the Communist success in China was of great importance regarding a solution of the French Vietnam problem."

NEW CLOTH SCHEME FOR AHMEDABAD?

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 2.

It is learnt from well informed business quarters that a new cloth scheme is being prepared by Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherji, Supply and Industry Minister, Government of India, to absorb thousands of unemployed 'gumastas' and petty cloth dealers of Ahemdabad.

This scheme is likely to come into force within a month.

Kashmir Ruler For Bombay

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (API): The Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir accompanied by the Maharani left for Bombay this evening by air. During his stay in Delhi the Maharaja met Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister and Mr. V. P. Menon, Political Adviser to the States Ministry and discussed problems concerning the Kashmir State.

The Maharaja has gone to Bombay to receive the Yuvraj, heir-apperent, who is returning from USA on February 19.

Fateful Meeting For Anti-War Pact Held Up

STALIN INVITES TRUMAN TO EASTERN EUROPE

But U. S. President Will Not Budge From Washington

PARIS, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter) Generalissimo Stalin today invited President Truman to meet him in Russia, Poland or Czechoslovakia.

The invitation was given in a telegram to Paris to Mr. Kingsbury Smith, European Director of the International News Service, who put the four "Peace Pact" questions to M. Stalin, answers to which were broadcast by Moscow Radio On Sunday.

HARRY TRUMAN.

The telegram was reproduced in a special edition of the evening newspaper "France Soir".

M. Stalin offered to meet President Truman either in Moscow, Kaliningrad, Odessa or Yalta—"wherever the President chooses"—or alternatively in Poland or Yuzoslavia if there were objections to the Soviet Union.

PLEA OF MEDICAL ADVICE

A Washington spokesman stated on Monday that President Truman was still willing to see M. Stalin in Washington.

Today the Russian Leader said, that though he had wanted to go to the American Capital for a long time, he had been advised medically against a long sea or air journey.

Mr. Kingsbury Smith in his original four questions to Premier Stalin asked whether Premier Stalin would be prepared to confer with President Truman at a mutually suitable place to discuss the possibility of concluding a pact with the United States asserting that they "have no intention of resorting to war against one another".

Generalissimo Stalin replied, "I have already stated before that there is no objection to a meeting".

'But Only In Washington'

The White House replied today to Stalin's new invitation to Mr. Truman by referring once more to the President's recent statement that he would be willing to meet the Russian Premier—but only in Washington.

Mr. Charles Ross, Presidential Press Secretary, stated that no official invitation had been received from Stalin, nor had any direct word come from the Kremlin beyond what was contained in Stalin's statement to the Press.

"What I said on Monday still stands" Mr. Ross told reporters. "I said then that the President had given out his latest views on this subject at his Press Conference".

Mr. Ross was referring to the fact that many times over recent months, Mr. Truman had declared his willingness to meet Premier Stalin, but was not ready to leave Washington to do so.

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JOSEPH STALIN

Indian Shipping Conference

BOMBAY, Feb. 2 (API)—A top level conference of Cabinet Ministers of the Government of India, representatives of Indian Shipping Lines and export-import interests will be held in New Delhi on February 4 and 5 with a view to co-ordinating national shipping activites in overseas' trade.

The conference, which has been convened by the Ministry of Commerce, will be attended, among others, by ministers and officials of the Central Ministries of Defence, Food and Agriculture, Industry and Supply, Works, Mines and Power, Transport, the Chief controller of Imports and Exports, and the Controller of Indian Shipping.

The conference will discuss how best Indian Shipping could be utilised for carriage of India's large imports of foreign goods, particularly foodstuffs and capital machinery.

Bottomley's Mission

LONDON, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): Overseas Trade Minister, Mr. Arthur Bottomley is leaving by air for Karachi and Delhi tomorrow for informal consultations with the Governments of Pakistan and India on trade questions, it was announced today.

He will be accompanied by Mr. T. Cook, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the President of the Board of Trade Mr. A. Cairncross, Economic Adviser to the Board of Trade, and two other officials.

U. S. Denial

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): The United States State Department denied today that the United States has an agreement with Britain, formal or informal, to strengthen Middle East Defences.

STALIN'S OFFER REJECTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, (PTI-Reuter):— Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, today rejected Premier Stalin's offer to discuss a peace pact with President Truman.

ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A GROUP PHOTO OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE A.I.W.C. AT ITS 21ST. ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT GWALIOR. THE PICTURE SHOWS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT MRS. RENUKA RAY, MRS. L. MENON, MRS. KAMALADEVI CHATTOPADHYAYA, MRS. URMILA MEHTA (PRESIDENT) H. H. MAHARANI SCINDIA AND MRS. MITHAN LAM.

No Radical Change In Dutch Foreign Policy

HAGUE CONTRADICTS PRESS REPORTS

Federalist Terms To Republican Leaders For Participation In Talks On Interim Government

THE HAGUE, Feb. 2 (Reuter)—A Netherlands Government statement issued today, said foreign press reports about "radical changes in Dutch policy in Indonesia" were untrue.

"There has never been any question of the Netherlands Government conducting "a policy of passive resistance to the Security Council as had been mentioned in one foreign press report."

FEDERALIST FEARS

The statement said that "a partial transfer of Dutch sovereignty to the Security Council which, according to press reports in Indonesia, is feared in Federalist quarters, has not and will not be considered."

The important activities in Batavia, not the least in Indonesian circles, aimed at the rapid realisation of a new order between the Netherlands and the whole of Indonesia and were being followed with great interest in the Hague."

FEDERALIST TERMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN TALKS

BATAVIA, Feb. 2 (Reuter)—The heads of the Indonesian Federal States telegraphed to the detained Republican leaders tonight their reply to the Republican conditions for taking part in discussions on an interim Federal Government for the whole of Indonesia.

No disclosure was made of the nature of the reply—sent to Republican President Soekarno and Premier Mohamed Hatta—but well-informed sources said the Federalists offered to recognise the Republican leaders as "official personalities" of a Republic, the status of which was indefinite.

The local Republicans were doubtful tonight whether this formula would induce the Republicans to join in discussions.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia today drew the attention of the Netherland's delegation accredited to it to the Commission's responsibility to make recommendations for the solution of the problem of an interim Federal Government if no agreement were reached by Feb. 15.

It also asked for the earliest information on the views of the Netherlands' Government on the Security Council's resolution of Jan. 28.

This sketched a time table for forming of an independent sovereign United States of Indonesia by July 1, 1950 at the latest.

The Commission said, it would be failing in its duty if it did not press for compliance with the resolution.

BEVIN ON WHY BRITAIN CANNOT BAR DUTCH AIRLINES FROM USING MAURITIUS

LONDON, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons today that he should bar Dutch airlines from using the island of Mauritius while they are denied transit across India on the route to Indonesia.

Britain, he told the House of Commons, was against unilateral sanctions.

Left-wing Independent Labour Member, Mr. John Platts-Mills, asked what request he had from the Netherlands' Government for the use of Mauritius.

Mr. Bevin replied that the Netherlands' Government had requested permission from Britain for the use of Mauritius by the Royal Dutch Airlines for the service to Batavia.

"In accordance with our obligations under the Chicago Agreement relating to Civil Aviation, 1944, to which Britain and the Netherlands were both parties, the British Government feel bound to accede to this request," Mr. Bevin said.

"The Netherlands Government have given the British Government an undertaking that no military personnel, arms or warlike stores will be carried by aicraft using this route".

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Asked by Mr. Platts-Mills if he did not think it would be safer to ban the Dutch airlines bearing in mind that India and Pakistan had done so, Mr. Bevin replied: "I must point out that international agreements are international agreements".

"The British Government could not, under the Chicago Agreement, ban the Dutch from using this route unless, under the agreement, it also banned itself and the French. "These are the conditions laid down in the Convention. No sanctions have been applied on this matter and we are averse to applying unilateral sanctions".

ARGENTINA EMBASSY FOR INDIA

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 2 (PTI—Reuter)—Argentina has established diplomatic relations with India and will set up an embassy there, the Argentine Ministry of External Relations announced today.

FRANCE REJECTS 'RED' PROPOSAL

PARIS, Feb. 2 (PTI—Reuter)—The French Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission today rejected by 17 votes to 6, with three abstentions, a Communist proposal that France should follow Marshal Stalin's week-end declaration by taking "the necessary initiative to ease the international situation."

Dutch Fascist Tactics

Indonesian Intellectuals Murdered?

CANBERRA, Feb. 2, (U.P.I.): The Indonesian Republican representative in Australia, Dr. Oesman, announced here that he had received reports alleging the killing of Indonesian intellectuals by the Dutch in Jogjakarta.

Dr. Oesman claimed that the Dutch were trying to create a puppet Government at Jogjakarta. He also alleged that, as reprisals for continuous guerilla attacks on Jogjakarta, the Durch had adopted terror tactics and had burnt down villages around the Republican capital.

Dr. Oesman further revealed that a Republican civil administration had been set up for Java. It consisted of five ministers of the Hatta Cabinet who escaped from Dutch custody and who joined the Republican Army headquarters.

Referring to the military situation, Dr. Oesman said that the vast hinterland of Java and Sumatra, including areas formerly held by the Dutch was now entirely controlled by guerilla units of the Republican Army.

Formula To Be Suggested To Republican Leaders

BATAVIA, Feb. 2 (P.T.I.—Reuter): Heads of the Indonesian Federal States meeting here again today, were expected to decide a formula to be suggested to the Republican leaders as a basis for discussions on the setting up of an Interim Federal Government.

This formula may concede the chief points of the earlier demand by Dr. Soekarno, Indonesian Republican President, and Dr. Mohamed Hatta, his Prime Minister.

Dr. Soekarno demanded that the Republican leaders now held by the Dutch should be released and permitted to consult, and be treated as the government of the Republic.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia yesterday forwarded a 5,000 word statement to the Security Council on the Republican position by Dr. Mohamad Roem, Chairman of the Indonesian Delegation, who is held with Dr. Hatta and other leaders on Banka Island.

The document has not been published but it was understood to reject the Dutch plan for an interim federal government, which Dr. Roem said was colonial in its concept.

He was believed to have accused the Dutch of creating chaos in Indonesia by their recent offensive, and to have urged the Security Council to act quickly lest world security and particularly that of South East Asia should be endangered.

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Haneef Puracha, Mr. Yog Raj Kumar, Mr. Ram Prakash Agarwal, Mrs. Bimla Vati, Mrs. Indumati, Mrs. Veena, Mr. Hari Ram, Mr. Lakshmi Narain Gupta, Mr. Satya Bhushan, Mrs. Shakuntala Devi, Mr. Kul Bhushan, Mrs. Jashoda Devi, Mr. Kewal Krishan Gupta B.A., LL.B., Mr Karam Chand Taneja, Mr. Sundar Lal, Mr. Mohamed Mohamed Ismail, Mr. M. L. V. Siddhanatha Muddaliar, Abu Mohammed Zea Uddin Esqr., Rajumanickam Pillai Esqr., Narainda Khanna Esqr., Narainda Khanna Esq., Mr. Barodia Kantilal Umedchand M. Com., Mrs. Susheela Batra, G. Laximbai Amma, Gonuguntala Veerabhadra Rao Esqr., Bussa Ramaiaha Esqr., Vemullapalli Rajaratnamma, Mohamed Abdul Rahman Sayeed Esqr., Hashim Bin Sayeed Esqr., Hafizunnissa Begum, V. M. Sundaram Esqr., R. Balaji Agarwal Esqr., B.R. Sharma Esqr., Sagarchand Jain Esqr., L. Harish Chandra Khoisa Esqr., K.S. Shivaramkrishnan Esqr., Pirozbai Kaikushru Khambatta, Mulkraj Arora, Mr. Kanhayalal Gupta, Mr. Jafer Hasan Shipai, Shabendri Shaik Jufri Saheb, Mr. Misba Muhammad Miran Saheb, Mrs. Najamai Dorabji Badshaw, Mrs. Tehmina Pali Sorabjee, Pallanji Dinshaw Master Esq., Mr. Bhagwanchelaram, Karamchandani, Mr. Shivji Gokaldas Ruparel, Mr. Saiver Ramaiah, Mrs. Ishar Kaur Singh, Mr. Niranjan Singh, Moulvi Mohammad Ismail, Moulavi, Dr. Suraj Lal Arrora, Capt. B.D. Ghulati, Harbans Lal Esqr., Mr. Purushottam Chandra M.A., Mrs. Sushila Krishna, Kartar Singh Esqr., Mr. Mahendra Lal Chopra B.A.L L.B, K.C. Puri Esqr., Kishore Chand Esq., Mr. Mehar Chand, Pt. V. Shankar, Mr. Mahesh Chander Dewan, Shrimati Parbati, Jagdish Singh Makar, Mangal Devi Sethi, Wazir Singh Chopra, Mr. Des Raj Chopra, Mr. Des Raj Chopra, Gautam Dev Sondhi Mr. Wazirsingh Chopra, Bawa Brij Mohan, Mr. Tulsidas J. Vazirarey, Mahesh Raj Gaind, Banwarilal Bhargawa, R.L. Malhotra, Madanlal Kapahi, B.A.LL.B., Shanti Devi B.A., Mr. Kazan Chand Mahajan, Yog Raj Oberai, Mr. Manoharlal Pasricha, Mr. Karam Chandra, Mr. Krishen Dev Paul, Mr. Anirudh Prasad Gupta, Mr. Ramlal Anand, Mr. Trilock Nath Chopra, Mr. Dharam Paul Kumar, Indernath Vedara, Indernath Vedara, Mr. Santokh Singh, Dr. Kidarnath Gaind Ph.D., Mr. Daulatram Mendi Ratra, Mr. Harichand Mahajan, Mrs. Ved Kumari Rajpal, Mr. D. N. Rajpal, Mr. Om-Prakash, Mr. K. C. Mahajan, Ram Lal Soni, Mr. Piara Lal Arora, Mr. Jaichand, Khushan Chandra Sardana, Mr. Dev Raj Madhok, Mr. Abdul Rashid, S o. Nisar Din, Lieut. Ram Rakha Mal, Mr. Krishan Lall Talwar, Mr. Baikunth Nath, Ish Kumar, Hansraj Gupta, Mrs. Hemibai Chellaram Karamchandani, Babu Ram Gupta Esqr., Mr. Altaf Bussain, Asgarali Abdulrahim Khandwala, Mr. Ramchand S o. Dhanrajmal Mandhyan, Bhagwandas Patecnand, Prakash Nath Girdhar, Mr. Mulkraj Arora, R.R. Agarwal, R. R. Agarwal, Ram Rakha, Kewal Krishan, M.A., Gyan Datt Tiwari, Ramchand Sethi Esqr., Pyare Lall Sharma, Mr. Dev Prakash Bhatia, Kumari Swarna, Shakuntla Madhok, Mr. Haqiqat Rai Mehta, Ramlal Malhotra, Mr. Ved Parkash Ahluwali, Mr. Aminul Haq., Zohra Begum, Mr. Krishan Chand Gupta, Mr. D. N. Krishna, Mr. Kaishan Lal Bhatia, Mr. Jai Dayal Migiani, Dr. R. Labhaya, Shakuntala Devi, Mr. Kesho Lal, Mr. Munshiram, Mr. S. R. Mohindroo, Mr Shimbhu Dial, Mr. Rai Lal, Gain Chand, Jagdish Prasad Sehgal B.A., Mr. Hansraj Kapur B.A.LL.B. O.A.I.I., Shermohammad Afzal, Mr. Sant Singh B.Sc. LL.B., Mr. Nairanjan Das, Mr. Satya Deva, Mr. Hans Raj Dhir, Mr. Amarchand Bahal, Mrs. Lalita J. Mehta, Mr. Amarnath Aggarwal Mr. Uppala Shankarnath, Mr. Shanti Sarup Chopra, Mrs. Habibunnisa Begum, Mr. Mutupuri Balakrishna, Mr. H. N. Savara, Mrs. Goolbai K. Lashkari, Mr. S. L. Bali, Mr. R. V. Marthand, Mr. Jangi Lall Bhassin.

SALES TAX NOTICE.

If the gross turnover of any UNREGISTERED DEALER for ALL PLACES of business in Bombay Province and the integrated states has exceeded.

(1) Rs. 10.000 in the case of an importer, manufacturer or processor,

or

(2) Rs. 30,000 in the case of any other dealer during the period from 1ST APRIL, 1948 TO 31ST JANUARY, 1949 will be LIABLE TO PAY SALES TAX on his sales from 1ST APRIL, 1949 and MUST APPLY FOR REGISTRATION in Form II to the Sales Tax Officer of his Ward/City/District before 28th February, 1949.

Any dealer whose gross turnover in a year has exceeded or is likely to exceed Rs. 10 000 can also get registered VOLUNTARILY at any time.

V. L. GYDWANI,
Deputy Commissioner
of Sales Tax,
Bombay Province.

Bombay, 1st Feb. 1949.
No. 34(ii).

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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.
CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT
Secretariat, BOMBAY.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the temporary post of Assistant Textile Controller at Ahmedabad, in the scale of Rs. 475-25-600-50-750, plus allowances. The candidate should be a graduate (Hons.) of a recognised University with five years administrative experience in Government or other Offices. The applicant must possess Bombay domicile. The applicants should state their name in full, age, domicile, caste, full details of experience and send their applications with copies of testimonials to the Provincial Textile Controller, Japanese Gymkhana, Cooperage, Bombay so as to reach him on or before 9th February, 1949.

S. M. MOGRE,
Establishment Officer
3rd February, 1949.

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EASTERN PUNJAB RAILWAY.
Tender No. 3 101-S PI-49.

1. SEALED TENDERS are invited for:—
Latrine pans of 16 S.W.G. Black sheet with handles on both sides, 2'-0" long 10" wide, 3.7 8" deep as per drawing No. 34 Stores. Nos. 4000 Each.
2. Quotations will be considered for supplies manufactured from tenderer's own raw material. Quota Certificate can be granted by the Railway for replenishment of stocks only when available.
3. Delivery to commence within 15 days of the date of receipt of the order.
4. Drawing can be had at a cost of Re. 1 - only on application.
5. Quotations on tenderer's own forms should reach the undersigned by 28-2-49 in sealed envelopes superscribed with the above tender number and words "Latrine Pans."

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER, (Stores)
DELHI.

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MADURA MUNICIPALITY.
TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited to reach the undersigned not later than 5 p.m. on 28-2-49 for the supply of

(1) One concrete Mixer-5 c.f.t capacity.
(2) One vibrating table for the manufacture of precast concrete products.
&
(3) One Tandum Road Roller-4 ton capacity.

Tenders must be sent for each item separately. Notice containing tender conditions and other particulars can be obtained from the Municipal Engineer, free of cost.

CAPTAIN D GNANAOLIVU,
Commissioner
Municipal Office,
Madura.
Dated 28-1-1949.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS for the supply of about 200 Copper Handas with covers and 25 Bells as per samples kept in this Office are invited. The samples can be inspected in this Office on any working days during office hours. Conditions for Tenderers along with the Tender Form can be had from the Superintendent of Accounts on any working day during the office hours on payment of Rs. 2,- per Form.

The Sealed Tenders accompanied by cash deposit of Rs. 100 - should be handed over to the Superintendent of Accounts in this Office on Saturday, the 12th February, 1949, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (B. T.).

K. KHANDVALA.
Secretary, Schools Committee.
Schools Committee's Office,
Gilder Tank Building,
Grant Road, Bombay 7.
Dated 2nd February, 1949.

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NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the supply of Game Materials such as Lezim, Lathi, Skipping Ropes, Dumbells, etc. The samples of the materials can be inspected in this Office on any working day between 12 and 3 p.m. (B. T.). Conditions for Tenderers and Tender Form containing particulars regarding the exact number of articles required, their specifications, etc., can be had from the Superintendent of Accounts during office hours on payment of Rs. 2 - for each Form.

The Sealed Tenders accompanied by a cash deposit of Rs. 100 - should be handed over to the Superintendent of Accounts in this Office on Saturday, the 12th February, 1949, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (B. T.).

K. KHADVALA.
Secretary, Schools Committee.
Schools Committee's Office,
Gilder Tank Building,
Grant Road, Bombay 7.
Dated 2nd February, 1949.

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NOTICE

THE APOLLO MILLS LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been received by the Directors of this Company to issue a duplicate of Share Certificate for 100 shares Nos. 202001 202100, standing in the name of Mr. Dialdas Nagpal of Amritsar, upon the statement that the original certificate has been lost; and notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such orginal certificate is made to the said Directors at the Registered Office of the Company situated at Delisle Road, Chinchpokli, Bombay 11, they will then proceed to deal with such application for issue of duplicate of the share certificate.

J. C. PANDYA.
Secretary.

Dated 3rd February, 1949.

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BOMBAY PORT TRUST DOCKS.

APPLICATIONS are invited for one temporary post of a 1st Grade Stenographer and four posts of 2nd Grade Stenographers on the Permanent Establishment in the scales of pay as shown hereunder plus allowances admissible under the Pay Commission's report.

1st Grade Stenographer—Rs. 200-10-250.

2nd Grade Stenographers—Rs. 100-8-140-8-180-10-200., E Bar at Rs. 140/-.

The selected candidates will be on three months' probation.

Applicants should state their age, previous experience and should possess the following shorthand and typing qualifications:

1st Grade Stenographer—Shorthand speed 120 words p.m. Typewriting speed 45 to 50 words p.m.

2nd Grade Stenographers—Shorthand speed 80 to 100 words p.m. Typewriting speed 35 to 40 words p.m.

Applications addressed to the Docks Manager, Bombay Port Trust should reach the undersigned not later than Thursday, the 10th February, 1949.

F. SEYMOUR-WILLIAMS.
Docks Manager.
Ballard Road, Bombay No. 1.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
NOTICE.

DY. CITY ENGINEER invites tenders for the following supplies during the period of three months commencing from 1st March 1949:

(1) Coarse sand about 2,000 brass.
(2) Quarry materials such as kerbstones, blue stones, etc.

The tenders will be received in the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay upto 1 p.m. (B. T.) on Wednesday, the 16th February, 1949.

Rates should be quoted exclusive of Sales Tax which will be paid where admissible.

Forms of tenders, specifications, etc., will be issued on payment of Rupee one for each copy to any one deputed to receive them by the Dy. City. Engineer, (Works Branch) who on application will give any further information that may be required.

Forms of tenders, etc., will not be sent by Post.

By order of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.
Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay.
2nd February, 1949.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, LTD.

NOTICES HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss or destruction of the Policies due to riot or disturbances and other causes, duplicate policies will be issued unless objections are lodged with us within one month from this date:—

Policy No.	Name of Assured.	Place.
87046 93204 93205	Shankar Arjun Chavan	Karachi.
105690	Dr. Shantilal Maganlal Kamodia	Godhra.
126686	Narayandas Wadhumal Sajanani	Hyderabad (Sind).
141149	Tharumal Kewalram Chhada	Karachi.
160376	Nagesh Chintaman Patil	Belgaum.
163305 304338	Appa Rao, B.A., LL.B.,	Hyderabad (Dn.):
188524	Nihal Singh Bhoj Singh Bhojsinghani.	Sukkar—Sind.
188787	V. Ramaswami Ayar.	Bombay.
197327	Parshuram Shridhar Phadke	Poona.

Dated: 2nd February, 1949.

T. C. KAPUR,
Manager.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
THE B. E. S. & T. UNDERTAKING.
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
ROUTE E AND H.

WE HAVE PLEASURE in announcing that on and from Monday, the 7th February, 1949, an additional "Shuttle" service will be operating during peak hours between Opera House and Malabar Hill bus terminus via Walkeshwar Road.

OPERA HOUSE			MALABAR HILL
MORNING			MORNING
First	Bus	8-33	8-50
Last	Bus	10-30	10-42
EVENING			EVENING
First	Bus	17-4	17-16
Last	Bus	20-8	20-20

Every 8 minutes.

J. R. TALEYARKHAN.
Traffic Manager.

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THE UNITED KARNATAK INSURANCE, CO., LTD., DHARWAR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Policy holders of this Company will be held, in accordance with the Rules to the Insurance Act 1938, at 3-30 P.M. on SUNDAY, the 15th May, 1949, in the Registered Head Office of the Company, Bank Road, Dharwar, for the purpose of electing three Policy holders Directors. Every Policy holder who desires to attend the Meeting shall apply to the Company's Head Office at Dharwar for a certificate of admission. Such applications should reach the Registered Head Office of the Company not less than two months before the date of the Meeting and the Company, on being satisfied that he holds a Policy of Life Insurance issued by this Company, not less than six months before the date of election, shall issue a certificate one month before the date of the meeting. Such certificate shall, if applied for by post, be sent by post, only to the address of the Policy holder or if applied for in person, be delivered only on production of the relevent Policy. Votes may be given either personally or by proxy. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer in favour of Policy holder and shall be presented at the Registered Head Office of the Company not less than one month before the date of the meeting.

A person shall be eligible for election as a Director if he holds otherwise than by assignment one or more Policies of the Life Insurance issued by this Company and satisfies the following requirements:—

(a) The Policies shall insure a total sum including any bonuses that may have attached to them, before the date of the election of not less than Rs. 3,000/-
(b) The Policies held shall have been in force for not less than 3 years.

Applications from persons eligible and prepared to accept offices as Policy Holder's Directors, are invited. Such applications should be sent by Registered Post to the Company's Head Office at Dharwar so as to reach it not less than two months before the date of the meeting. The applications shall be made in English or Kannada and they shall contain the name and address of the applicant, number of Policies held by them and the sums insured thereunder.

By order of the Board,
N. S. KINI,
Secretary.

Company's office, Dharwar.
31st Jan. 1949.

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MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD BANDRA.

Primary Education Act, 1923
COMPULSORY EDUCATION SCHEME.

THE PUBLIC of Bandra Municipal Area are hereby informed that a list of children of school-going age, who do not attend schools, according to the census taken in December, 1948, has been kept ready in the Office of the Municipal School Board, Bandra, and can be seen during Office hours on working days for a period of one month from the date of this notice.

C. C. SUTARIA
Chairman,
Municipal School Board, Bandra.
School Board Office,
Bandra, 1-2-49.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY—TENDER.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, B. B. & C. I. Rly., Jacob Circle, Mahalaxmi, Bombay No. 11, invites tenders in sealed covers for the supply of 60 Nos. Magneto Table Telephones, returnable on 14-2-49. Tender Forms can be had free of cost on application. Firms not on the approved list of this Railway should give their Banker's reference

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TENDER NOTICE NO. 35.

STORES PURCHASE DEPARTMENT, EAST PUNJAB, KALKA.

SEALED TENDER superscribed as:—

(1) "IND/5/186/SC for supply of Files, Twist Drills, Cutters, Hacksaw Blades, B.A. Taps and Dies, Vices, Precision Gauges, Grinding Wheels, Swage and Fullers tops and bottoms and other hardware articles etc."
(2) "IND/5/187/SC for supply of tool and Cutter Grinder, Vertical Milling Machine, Hacksawing machine, Drilling machines, Spring hammer, 3 Dimensional Die Sinking machine, 14 Rotor Motors of 1 to 2 H.P. all suitable for A.C. 440/3/50. Also Drop Hammer 3 Cut, Spray painting Equipment, Plating dynamo, Hardness testing machine, Southband Lathe and band Sawing and Filing machines etc."
(3) "IND/5/204/I.S. for supply of Crucibles, Rubber belting, Non-ferrous Metal, Brass Scrap, Files, Saws, Screws, Grinding Wheels, Taps and Dies, Bandsaws and other Tools and Hardware articles."
(4) "IND/5/202/I.S. for supply of Wool and Woollen Yarn."
(5) "IND/5/203/I.S. for supply of Leather and other requirements in manufacture of footwear and suit cases."

addressed to the Stores Purchase Officer, East Punjab, Kalka will be received by him upto 2-0 p.m. on 17th February, 1949 and opened at 3 p.m. the same day in presence of such tenderers who may care to attend.

Tender forms and other details which are non-transferable may be had from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 3/- for each of the above superscribed tenders in cash or by money order which money is not refundable. Each tender must be accompanied by earnest money of Rs. 500/-. The earnest money may be deposited in Government Treasury, Post Office Saving Bank or any scheduled bank or National Savings Certificates pledged to the Assistant Stores Purchase Officer, East Punjab and deposit receipt/pass book attached to each tender. Cheques or cash will not be accepted.

Rates will hold good upto 7th April, 1949. Sealed samples are wanted for serial Nos. 4 and 5 above.

Non receipt of samples or other departure from any condition of the tender may disqualify the tender.

STORES PURCHASE OFFICER,
East Punjab, Kalka.

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SECRETARY, EAST PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SIMLA,

Advertisement No. 65.

INVITES APPLICATIONS on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury receipt or crossed postal order for Rs. 5/-, NOT LATER THAN THE 28TH FEBRUARY, 1949, for three posts of TEMPORARY ASSISTANT ENGINEER in the East Punjab P.W.D., Buildings and Roads Branch, from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Candidates should possess a degree or other qualification specified in Appendix A to the Punjab Service of Engineers, Buildings and Roads Branch (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1942. Those with teaching experience preferred. Age not less than 26 and not more than 35 years on 1-4-1949 relaxable in case of Government servants. Pay Rs. 250-25-800. Initial pay according to age, qualifications and experience. Women eligible. Further particulars on application.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE.

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G.I.P. Railway, Loco Offices Buildings, Parel, invites Percentage tenders upto 3 P.M. on 18-2-1949 for construction of one Mitra 'B' type quarter at Vasind. The tender form, schedule and conditions of contract can be had from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. Copies of drawings will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3/- per set. These sums will not be refunded.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. B-21283, B-30005, B-30787 and B-38443 for five Share (s) each Nos. 251411/415; 251806/810; 225831/835; 225841/45 in the Reserve Bank of India issued in the name of Khubchand Fatechand since deceased have been lost, stolen or misled and that a claim to the compensation payable by the Government of India on these shares has been lodged with the Reserve Bank of India by the undersigned. It is hereby informed that no other person shall have any claim to the said compensation.

1. NARAINDAS KHUBCHAND.
2. L.T.M. OF SHRIMATI VIVABAI wife of Seth Khubchand guardian of minor Parshotamdas.
Succession Certificate holders to the estate of the late Khubchand Fatechand.

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In The Matter Of The INDIAN COMPANIES Act VII of 1913 (As Amended by Act XXII of 1936)
And
In The Matter of THE AKOTE COTTON GINNING AND PRESSING CO., LTD. (In Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by a Special Resolution passed by an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the above-named Company at the meeting held on 27th January, 1949, the Company has been taken into Voluntary Liquidation and Mr. Ratanshah Shapurji Bharucha has been appointed Liquidator.

J. V. VARDE,
Chairman of the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, held on 27th January, 1949.

Bombay, 27th January, 1949.

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NOTIFICATION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Under Section 23 of the Bombay City Police Act, IV of 1902.

FIFTH TEST MATCH

REGULATION of traffic in the vicinity of the Brabourne Stadium between 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. from the 4th to 8th February 1949 (both days inclusive).

(1) (a) Dinshaw Watcha Road will be closed to West bound traffic i.e. entry only from Marine Drive between the hours of 10.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. and 2.0 p.m.
(b) Between 12.30 p.m. and 1.15 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. Dinshaw Watcha Road will be closed to East bound traffic i.e. No. entry from Marine Drive.
(2) No parking will be permitted on the south side of Churchgate Street from the Eros Junction to its junction with Marine Drive between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
(3) Parking of cars:—
(a) Owner-driven cars of spectators entering the C.C.I. Club House will be parked in the compound of the C.C.I. and on the South side of Dinshaw Watcha Road.
(b) Chaffeur-driven cars will be parked on the open plot of ground south of Dinshaw Watcha Road and on Jamshedji Tata Road (Sonth).

J. S. BHARUCHA.
Commissioner of Police.

Head Police Office,
Bombay, 2nd February, 1949.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PROPERTY INVESTMENT CO., LTD., have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property, situate at Chembur, free from encumbrances. All persons having any claim whatsoever against or to the said property are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT vacant piece of land, situate at Chembur in the South Salsette Taluka, Bombay Suburban District, bearing Plot No. 538 in Suburban Scheme No. III, Chembur and admeasuring 633 square yards and bounded, on the North by Plot No. 528 Suburban Scheme III Chembur, on the South by Eleventh Road, on the East by Plot No. 537 and on the West by Plot No. 539.

Dated this 2nd day of Feb. 1949.
NAGINDAS HOOSEINALLY & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

INTIMATION.

Re: Messrs. MOTICHAND AND DEVIDAS.

THIS IS TO INTIMATE that Mr. MOTICHAND G. KAPADIA has retired from the firm of Messrs. Motichand and Devidas, Solicitors, 19, Nanabhai Lane, Fort, Bombay, 1, as from the end of December, 1948 and that Mr. Tanubhai D. Desai is carrying on business in the name of Motichand and Devidas at the above address viz. 19, Nanabhai Lane, Fort, Bombay 1, as from 1st January, 1949.
Dated this 1st day of Feb. 1949.

MOTICHAND G. KAPADIA,
Tanubhai D. Desai.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UTENSILS, Screws, Nails, Copper Scrap, Smith's Blowing Machine, Pipes, etc., on 5-2-49 at 11 A.M. (S.T.) at Andheri Police Court by order of Presidency Magistrate 10th Court, Andheri: Terms: Cash.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTORS IN PROPERTY SUITABLE FOR BUILDING FACTORIES & CINEMA STUDIOS.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable property at Kurla, off Old Bombay Agra Road, Near Svadeshi Mills & opp. Tata Blocks, and known as Rangari's Chawls.

Under instructions from M/s. Matubhai Jamietram & Madan, Attorneys for Mr. Mahomed E. Issa All the Receiver in Suit No. 124 of 1948, M/s. Bennett & Co., will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, 22nd. February, 1949, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) on the premises:—

Kird land, admeasuring about 4 acres and 3¼ gunthas (22,000 sq. yds.) on part of which are three Chawls, fetching a gross rent of Rs. 1,000/- and a pucca built vacant structure suitable for factory, electric line providing 460 and 230 vaultage power for industrial and domestic use, a fresh water well with 3 1/2 H.P. Elec. Motor & Pump, laid-in water and drainage pipes, and a portion of land over which foundations for chawls are already constructed, as also a stone quarry partly used. Excess to the property from the Old Bombay Agra Road is by means of a private road which is also a part of the property.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to the above named Solicitors at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.,

PEDNEKAR & Co.,
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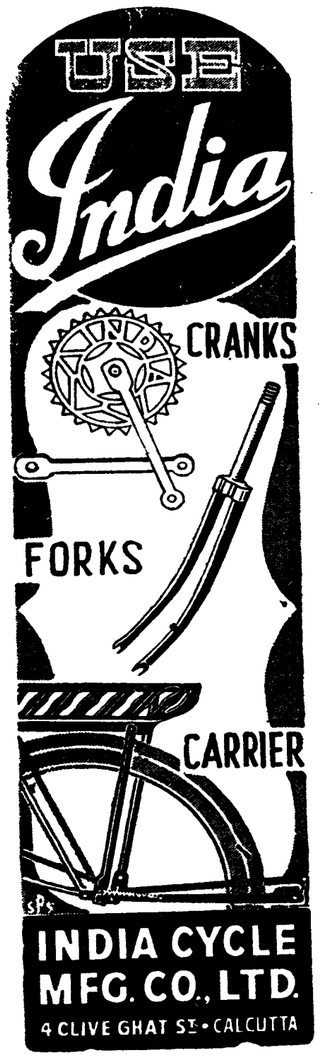

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WORLD PEACE THROUGH SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

General Orsborn's Address At Sunderabai Hall

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

General Albert Orsborn, International Leader of the Salvation Army, declared today that no political expediency or materialistic approach would bring about real and lasting peace in the world. It could only be achieved by the pursuit of moral and spiritual freedom by men of goodwill, he added.

General Orsborn, who was speaking on "Banners of Freedom" at a meeting at the Sunderbai Hall this evening, observed that the object of the Salvation Army was to do the greatest possible good to the largest possible number with the least possible expenditure. He said that the formation of this organisation was not an accident, but its origin was significant and symptomatic of the principle on which it was founded.

Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, who presided over the meeting appreciated the good work that was being done by the Salvation Army in the country, especially in the province of Bombay.

General Orsborn said that there were about 137,000 Salvation Army workers in India, Pakistan and Ceylon of which 32,000 were officers. Except for 167 Europeans, all were natives of the land. This religious institution, he said, was interested in the welfare of the poor as also in women, youth and children.

He said the organisation was essentially religious and did not take part in politics of any country.

It was not against Communism as such, but it was against the restraints and restrictions imposed by Communism on human freedom in Communist-dominated parts of the world. The Salvation Army work, he said, was at a standstill in Russian-occupied part of Germany.

Concluding he appealed to Salvation Army men in India to remember the lofty ideals for which the organisation was founded and to be guided in their work by the principles which were preached by its founder.

TRAINED SECRETARIES FOR VILLAGE PANCHAYATS

Service Conditions Prescribed

With a view to toning up the administration of village panchayats, the Government of Bombay has prepared rules governing the service conditions of panchayat secretaries. The new rules which supersede all the previous rules on the subject, prescribe for a secretary the minimum education qualifications, two months' period of training, two years' period of probation and other service conditions.

No person of the age of 25 years and more and less than 18 years will be appointed as a secretary of a village panchayat; preference will be given to a person who has received training in rural development work.

Every person selected as a candidate for the post of secretary will undergo training in the office of District Local Board for two months or for such other period as the Provincial Government may direct. After completion of his training to the satisfaction of the chief officer or Secretary of the District Local Board, he will be appointed as a probationar for two years. Before the completion of the period of probation, he will have to pass such departmental examinations as may be prescribed by the Provincial Government from time to time.

A panchayat secretary will have to devote his whole time and attention to the duties of his office and should not, without the previous sanction of the panchayat, engage in any trade or undertake any other employment while on duty or leave.

Balkan-Ji-Bari

Sarvodaya was observed by the Balkan-Ji-Bari Matunga Unit on Sunday at the Bari Maidan. Mr. Ananth Rai Valia the President read the message and Sri K. K. Mody explained to the workers the significance of the Day. The workers were taken in a procession by Rao Saheb N. N. Aiyar to the Asthika Samaj and participated in Ram-Dun sung by the members of the Samaj.

HOSTELS FOR BACKWARD CLASS GIRLS

The Government of Bombay recently sanctioned a scheme for the opening of six new hostels for Backward Class girls in the Province. One of these hostels is to be at Bhandgaon in Ahmednagar district, and not in Ahmedabad district as stated earlier.

PETITION DISMISSED

(Before the Hon. Mr Justice Tendolkar)

Gordhandas Bhanji .... Petitioner
vs.
The Commissioner of Police .. .. Respondent

Holding that the Commissioner had been vested with discretionary powers and was within his rights in cancelling the permission, his Lordship dismissed this petition.

Having purchased a plot at Andheri in 1945 the petitioner applied for permission to erect a cinema house on it. Permission was refused by the Additional District Magistrate, but the Greater Bombay Act having come into force in the meantime, the petitioner made a fresh application to the Commissioner of Police which was also rejected in the first instance. The cinema Advisory Board, however, dicided that permission should be granted and accordingly in July, 1947, the Commissioner granted the necessary permission. Two months later, the petitioner was informed by the Commissioner that the permission had been cancelled on account of protests by the public. The petitioner then presented this petition to the High Court that this cancellation should be withdrawn.

Orissa Local Body Employees

The Secretry, Orissa Local Body employees' Federation, Behramopore, Ganjam Dt. Writes:—The Orissa Local Body Employees' Federation is an organisation formed for the amelioration of the lot of the local body employees in the Province of Orissa. The Federation at its conference held at Puri on January 16 resolved to look into the feasibility and the desirability of forming an organisation representing Local Body—Employes throughout India. I would request such of those gentlemen who are interested in local body politics and who are working already in the field to kindly write to the undermentioned address so that steps in that direction may be taken.

I would be very much thankful to anybody who can give me the information regarding the existence of local body employes' organisation in his province.—etc.

S. S. C. E. Regulations

The Bombay Secondary School Certificate Examination Regulations have been published. Copies of the Regulations can be obtained from the Secretary, Secondary School Certificate Examination Board, Poona 1.

WEATHER

WEATHER CHART

POONA, Feb. 2, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours with total rainfall from 1st Dec 1948, and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 (I. S. T.), on 2nd February, 1949:—

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Radio

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BARODA, Feb. 3.

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9-30 a.m. Garabi Geeto 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Shahnai Vadan By Gangadhar Sant 6-0 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 6-15 For Rural Listeners 6-35 Swami Vallabhdas 7-0 Shahnai Vadan (By Gangadhar Sant) 7-15 Amralata Trivedi 7-30 Katha Kirtan 8-0 Rang Pooja 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Amralata Trivedi 8-45 Sahitya Sameeksha 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Chitra Sangeet 9-30 Swami Vallabhdas.

CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Magh Shud 5, 2005.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akher 4, 1368.
Parsi: Shehrever 4, 1318.
Sunrise: 7-12 a.m. Sunset: 6-33 p.m.
Highttide: 02-46, 15-08.
Lowtide: 09-09, 20-43

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: At 3 p.m. (B. T.).

Today's Engagements

PROGRESSIVE GROUP— Reception to His Excellency Raja & Rani Maharaj Singh. His Excellency will speak on "Being a Governor" at Greens Hotel today at 6-15 p.m."

TRIANGULAR MOTORS:— THE meeting of the employees of the Triangular Motor Company at the Union office today at 6-30 p.m. The employees of the Bombay Cycle and Motor Agency's meeting at the Union Office today at 9 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATORS.

The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 8, Kumbharwada will meet near Round Temple, tomorrow (Friday), at 8-30 a.m (S. T.), to go round the Ward. The residents of the Ward who have any difficulties to bring to light are invited to be present at the appointed place and time.

CHARITY FILM SHOW: Warner Bros., musical comedy (in technicolour) "The Time, The Place And The Girl" will be shown at the New West End Talkies, Lamington Road, on the morning of Sunday the 20th February 1949. Whole proceeds of the show will go to the funds of Gowalia Tank Road Parsi Welfare Centre, which is catering the needs of the poor of the community and in its very short existence, has proved very useful. Rates of tickets are Rs. 3/-; Rs. 2/-; Rs. 1/8; (reserved) and Re. 1/- and As. 8/- (unreserved) which can be had from:—Mrs. Mehroo D. Gazdar, C Block, Khalakdina Terrace, Gowalia Tank Road (Phone No. 44742) or from Mr. R. D. Bugwadia, Forjett Cross Lane, Gowalia Tank Road.

CITY CINEMAS' DONATION TO UNITED NATIONS' APPEAL POR CHILDREN: An arrangement is being made with the cinema houses in the city to reserve the proceeds of their one day's earnings for U. N. A. C. Fund, and an announcement regarding the date when it is fixed and other details in this connection will be made shortly.

G. I. P. RAILWAY MAZDOOR PANCHAYAT: A mass rally of all Watch and Ward Staff from Bombay to Kalyan of G. I. P. Rly., was held under the auspices of G. I. P. Rly. Mazdoor Panchayat in Poddar College on Sunday last to demanding better scales of pay according to Pay Commission's recommendations leave and pass facilities enjoyed by other staff.

MATUNGA S. S. ORGANISATION: The provisional Committee of Social Service Organisation has been formed with Mr. M. K. B. Panicker as President, Mr. P. V. S. Mani as Secretary and Mr. K. R. Parameswaran as Treasurer and four others as members in it.

I. B. & C. I. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' UNION: The B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union has decided to set up Mr. G. B. Sukhee, the Geenal Secretary of the Union as its candidate for the forthcoming election to the Bombay Legislative Assembly from the Railway Unions constituency. The B. B. & C. I. Railyay Employees Union is one of the constituent unions and controls a fair proportion of votes amongst the delegates elected to form the electoral college.

CONSUMER CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES FEDERATION: A meeting of the Consumer Co-operative Societies was held on Saturday last at Thackersy High School, Shri Nagindas T. Master was in the chair, Mr. K. T. Mantri told the members that he as the Chairman of the Board, had been nominated by the Government on the Cloth Advisory Board. He invited the views of the Societies on the propositions that the federation should obtain directly the cloth quota and arrange its distribution, and also non-rationed consumers' articles for supplying Consumers' Cooperative Societies, and that for the purpose the Federation should organise its transport service and maintain godown. The Federation, registered under the Bombay Co-operative Societies Act has begun to function since December last and the various Co-operative Societies have already affiliated to it.

FARSAN & SWEATMEAT UNION

Mr. Vishnu Kope, President, Bombay Farsan and Sweetmeat Staff Union, informs that 5,000 sweetmeat workers of Bombay have decided to go on a general strike from the 15th inst. if their demands are not conceded by the employers.

The demands included: Recognition of their union, abolition of daily wages system; full "mill scale" D.A., one month's leave; 8 hours work.; 1-1/2 day weekly off; 15 days sick leave; and 10 days casual leave in a year. Free medical relief. Employment crads. One months notice or notice pay for discharge above all minimum basic salary for starting Rs. 55 with food.

MUNICIPAL KAMDAR UNION

The Hon. General Secretary of the Municipal Kamdar Union, Bombay, in a statement says: The Municipal Kamdar Union, Bombay, has been started from 26th Sept. and has been registered under the Indian Trade Union Act, 1926. The Union has a membership of over 1,100.

Asoka Mehta Hopes For United Front

Mr. Asoka Mehta, General Secretary of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, in the course of a statement to the press, writes: "The Government of India have sent to the three central Trade Union organisations in India a communication inviting them to meet and nominate jointly the Labour delegation to the next meeting of the International Labour Organisation. The policy now adopted by the Government, is to be welcomed. "I have written to the General Secretaries of the INTUC and AITUC to send representatives to a meeting where we can select an agreed delegation. It is devoutly to be hoped that at the ILO, Indian Labour will be able present a united front.

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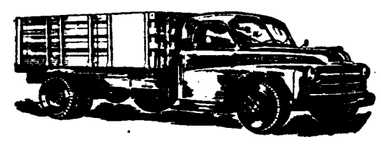
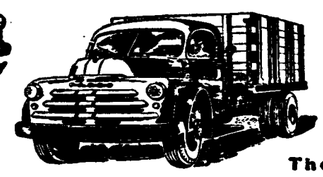

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Commencement Of Festival Hockey

Disappointing Display By Goan Side

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Festival Hockey Tournament for the Bhiwandiwalla Cup commenced today and a Goa XI met the Combined Colleges XI. In quite a poor display of Hockey Goa won by two goals to nil. It was quite a disappointing game and the numerous interested supporters of the Goa XI are of the opinion that if this is the form that the team will show they will not go far in the tournament, although on paper the team is the best.

Goa XI had an opportunity of opening their account in the very first minute of play when Gomes ran through but shot wide of the post. Goa exerted pressure and time and again Terence Le Febour intercepted and cleared well. The Collegians made some clever moves but they were foiled in the circle. Goa again attacked and Lenny D'Souza as centre forward was presented with two good scoring opportunities but Frank in the Collegians goal saved gallantly on both occasions. The Collegians had a good scoring chance from a pass from left winger Martin D'Sa but Ralph Mathias at extreme right shot over the cross-bar when he had only the goalie to beat. Half time saw the score board blank.

After the breather Goa XI scored the opening goal through Anthony Braganza who scored of a pass from Joe D'Mello from close in which Joe D'Mello passed in after he had tried a shot a goal the ball rebounding off the goalie's pads. Another scoring opportunity came Goa's way when Lawrie Fernandes ran down to the edge of the line scooped Frank got his pads well to the ball and Lenny D'Souza tried another shot but Frank smoothered the attack. Joe D'Mello had a another good scoring chance but he scooped outside. The College goal had another miraculous escape when the ball swung across the goalmouth thrice but no one was able to connect. A few minutes later Lenny D'Souza made a solo effort drawing the goalie out and making no mistake in shooting Williams made a last minute effort to reduce the margin but shot over the bar. It was rather a pity that the Goa XI put up such a disappointing display and did not play up to the expectations rested in them by winning by only two goals.

The teams:

GOA XI—Pinto; Walter D'Souza, Diego; G Pereira, Tony Vaz, Maxie Vaz; Gomes, J D'Mello, Lenny Braganza, Lawrie Fernandes.

COMBINED COLLEGES XI—Frank; Alva, Gerry D'Souza, T Le Febour, Baretto, Motiwala; M. D'Sa, Mehta, N. D'Mello, G Williams, R. Mathias.

Bombay XI will meet the Combined Railways XI in this evening's encounter and the following teams have been selected:—

BOMBAY XI: A. Lobo, O Ferreira, Capt., R. S. Gentle, Perumal, Middlecoat, Poonawalla, Premnath, Woodcock, Reggie Rodrigues, C Braganza, J Rodrigues, B Menezes, P Ferrao.

COMBINED RAILWAYS: Donnelly Keshin Lal, Agre, Saxby, G Fernandes Nabi Shah, Mulla, Pavey, A. Fernandes, Munir, Ismail, Dias, Joginder, Mullens.

Provincial Hockey Championships

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Customs A. C gained a solitary goal victory over Bombay Area Army in the Bombay Provincial Hockey Championship at the association ground. Johnny Pinto, leading the Customs attack scored the all-important goal a few minutes before the close of play.

It was a rather tame encounter neither side being able to muster strength in the circle. The first half was blank both sides having missed numerous scoring opportunities. Lynn in the Customs goal brought of some smart saves. Johnny Pinto was far from his old times, but was responsible for the first time shot which beat the army goalie all ends up.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

4 P.M. B.E.S.T. vs. Juvenile S.C. (Provincial Tournament).

5-20 P.M. Bombay XI vs. Railways (Festival Tournament).

St. Xavier's College Ground

5 P.M. Catholic Gymkhana vs. Bombay City "A" (Senior Div.).

'VARSITY REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE

Sequel To Colour Bar

NEW BRUNSWICK (New Jersey), Feb. 1 (P.T.I.—Reuter): Rutgers University, New Brunswick, has decided to refuse to meet Universities in the Southern States in sporting events because a Negro member of one of its team hotel was denied accommodation with team mates in a Baltimore hotel on New Year's day.

Mr. George Little, the University Director, said today the Rutgers would prevent a recurrence of Negro discrimination by "limiting our competition to teams in the northern area of the United States"

BROMWICH DOUBTFUL STARTER

Australian Team For Davis Cup

MELBOURNE, Feb. 2 (PTI—Reuter)—Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, stated today that Australia's Davis Cup team will not be announced until John Bromwich has decided whether he will be available.

Bromwich is reported to have sought a week's delay before giving his decision.

The selectors recommended that a team consisting of Bromwich as captain, Frank Sedgman and Bill Sidwell with a manager should challenge for the cup, travelling via England where they would play at Wimbledon.

If Bromwich was not available, Sedgman and Sidwell should be sent to Wimbledon and then to America where they would be joined by a manager of experience sent direct from Australia.

It was later stated that the team would be Bromwich, Sidwell and Sedgman with Sidwell Captain of a two-man team if Bromwich declined.

The Lawn Tennis Association of Australia pointed out that the decision to limit the team was reached on the score of saving expense and a belief that adding players of lesser calibre would not improve cup chances.

A replacement will be sent by air, however, if necessary.

The team will leave Sydney on the "Orcades" on May 2 and will compete at Wimbledon. They will go to America by sea arriving a week or so before the first Davis Cup tie is due to be played.

LOUIS B. MAYER'S STUD FARM SOLD

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2 (PTI—Reuter)—Louis B. Mayer's 504-acre thoroughbout stud farm at Perris, California, has been sold to Ellsworth M. Statler, part owner of a hotel chain and, Mrs. Merredith Howard Harless, wife of a former Congressman, Richard F. Harless, of Arizona. The purchase price is estimated at over one million dollars and the sale marks Mayer's complete retirement from racing.

England's Thomas Cup Team

LONDON, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): England will be represented by the following team against Malaya in the International Badminton match at Torquay on February 12:

M. H. R. Marsland, R. C. F. Nichols, N. B. Radford, W. Shute, K. L. Wilson A. H. J. Wingfield, W. G. P. Birtwistle and A. B. Renton.

P.V.M. Gymkhana Tennis

The Open Tennis tournament for women only, organised by the P.V.M. Gymkhana, will now commence from Monday the 14th February instead of the 1st February as previously announced. Entries close on Friday February 11. Entry forms may be obtained from the P.V.M. Gymkhana, Cooperage.

Parel Hockey

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following were the results of matches played at Parel:—

Division III—B.B. & C.I. Rly. 'C' 1, B.P.T. 'B' 0; National S. C. 3, Mahim Gymkhana 1; Mazagaon Institute 12, Goan Sports 'B' 1; E.C. & R.I.S. w.o. Bombay Steam Navigation.

Comments On Fourth Test

W. I. PRESS PRAISES PACE BOWLERS

TRINIDAD, Feb. 2 (Reuter)—Commenting on the victory of the West Indies in the fourth Test against India earlier this week, the Trinidad press says it stress the resurbence of the West Indies bowling attack as a force to be reckoned with which is particularly welcome.

The bowlers' failure in earlier Tests to follow up the advantage established by batsmen is ascribed largely to the touring captain's inability to get together his fullest bowling strength owing to illness and or injuries.

"Only Prior Jones of the West Indies' two really fast speed bowlers was available for the first three Tests and though Gerry Gomez, who is considered a dangerous opening bowler, gave valuable help, something was missing.

"In the fourth Test, however, the other speed merchant John Trim was available."

Another comment says: "It may be possible so many thousands of miles away to over-emphasise the significance of the bowlers' performances, but any West Indian cricket team feels more comfortable when the attack is spearheaded by a couple of really fast bowlers as it has been from the earliest days of our cricket history."

The press advises selectors to consider this when sending West Indies team to England next year.

CRICKET TEAM LEAVE MADRAS

MADRAS, Feb. 2, (A.P.I.): The West Indies cricket team left Madras for Bombay in two batches by air this morning. They were given a warm send-off at the Meenambakam aerodrome by an enthusiastic crowd. Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, President of the Madras Cricket Club, was also present at the air port.

"We thoroughly enjoyed our stay here as also the matches against the South Zone and the Indian eleven," Mr. Goddard Captain of the team told the A.P.I. in his parting message. He paid a tribute to the orderly behaviour of the Madras crowd and the critical sense of judgement of the people but declined to make any comment on the pitches.

Players of the Indian team for the final test at Bombay also left Madras this morning by a special plane.

Delhi Athletics

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (API)—The fourteenth All-India Athletic Championships which will be held at the Irwin Stadium New Delhi from Feb. 11 to 13 has attracted entries from over ten Provinces and States Burma is also sending a contingent.

Food Rationing In Nine More Towns

Statutory rationing of foodgrains, namely, rice, wheat, bajri, barley, jowar, maize, oversees millets, including milo, and their products has been introduced, from February 1, 1949, in the towns of Viramgam, Dholka, Dhandhuka, Modasa, Pranij, Broach, Ankleshwar, Jambusar and Kalyan.

The acquisition and possession of the rationed articles have also been restricted in these towns by an order under the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act, 1946.

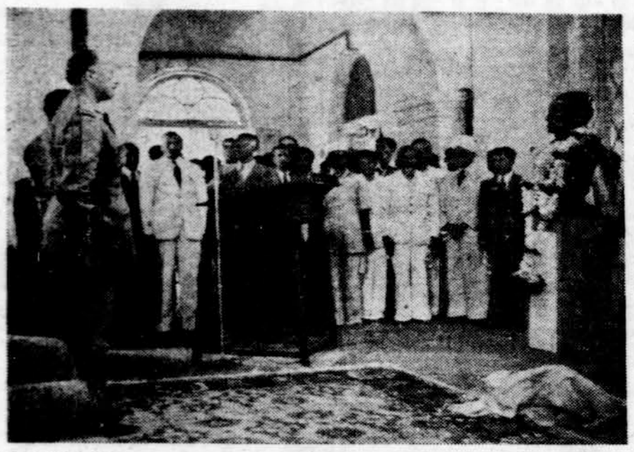
Bill To Amend Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Act

The statement of objects and reasons of the above bill says: At present there is no provision in the Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1935, requiring the seller of a motor vehicle to intimate the sale to the registering authority. In the absence of such a provision great difficulty is experienced in the recovery of arrears of tax and penalty when there is a change of ownership. It is, therefore, proposed to insert a new section 7-A in the Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1938, to provide for holding the purchaser liable for all arrears of tax due from the previous owner or owners, so that the intending purchaser may verify at the time of purchase whether there are any areas in respect of the vehicle.

The proposed provision will not, however absolve the person, who has transferred the ownership or has ceased to be in possession or control of a motor vehicle, from the liability to pay the arrears of tax due from him in respect of such a vehicle. Clause 2 of the Bill provides in this behalf.

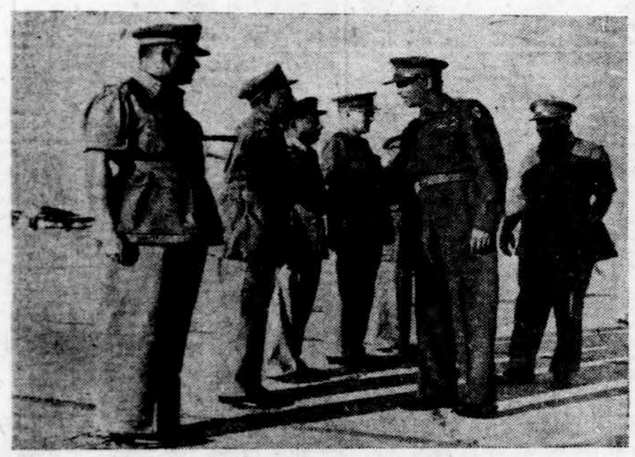
2. The Act does not also provide for any appeal or revision against the order made by the registering authority (i.e Regional Transport Officer). As without appellate authority decisions are likely to be given "ad arbitrium", it is considered necessary to provide for appeals against the orders made by the registering authority under the Act. Clauses 3 and 4 of the Bill are designed to achieve this object.

C-IN-C UNVEILS GANDHIJI'S BUST



THE PICTURE SHOWS GEN. CARIAPPA, INDIA'S C-IN-C UNVEILING GANDHIJI'S BUST AT POONA ON SUNDAY LAST AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONTROLLER OF MILITARY ACCOUNTS, SOUTHERN COMMAND

C-IN-C'S FAREWELL



HERE IS SEEN GEN. CARIAPPA, INDIA'S C-IN-C, SHAKING HANDS WITH SENIOR COMMANDERS BEFORE EMPLANING FOR COIMBATORE AFTER HIS 3-DAY VISIT TO POONA.

INDIA REQUIRES TWO MILLION TONS MERCANTILE SHIPPING

M. A. Master's Address To Commerce Graduates

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

That India would need a gross shipping tonnage of two million during the next 5 to 7 years, in order to realise the target in respect of adequate mercantile shipping, was the view expressed by Mr. M. A. Master, in an address to the Commerce Graduates' Association this evening.

Mr. Master mentioned that this was the target required to implement the report of the sub-committee of the Shipping Policy Committee set up by the Government of India. He was of the opinion that this tonnage was required in order that Indian shipping may secure, (a) 100 per cent of the purely coastal trade of India; (b) 75 per cent of India's trades with Burma and Ceylon and with the geographically adjacent countries, i.e., the whole of Africa, Middle East, Thailand, Indo-China, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies; (c) 50 per cent of India's distant trades—Europe and America and (d) 30 per cent of the trades formerly carried by Japan in the Orient.

Considering that India was an extremely under-developed country in the matter of shipping, with a very small tonnage, she had to make up a long way even to reach this modest target. If the work was not undertaken soon, in a determined spirit, she would lag behind in the matter of building up an efficient merchant navy. Then it would become impossible to carry her overseas trade under her own flag.

OTHER FACTORS

In addition to the building up of this modest tonnage, there were other important factors to be considered. The Government of India must explore all possibilities and persuade Great Britain to accept orders for the construction of ships suitable for the trades India had to build up. The alternative to this, would be the addition of some secondhand ships and Indian shipping could not thus be put on a sound and permanent footing. There was also the need to build up a cadre of efficient and qualified navigators, engineers and such other technical personnel. Some arrangement had to be devised by which Indians could apprenticed to British shipping concerns, to learn these trades.

He appealed to the Indian Government, to extend their patronage to Indian shipping by earmarking at least 50 per cent of the foreign trade of this country to be carried by Indian ships.

Mr. C. H. Bhabha, Ex-Commerce Minister, Government of India, presided.

Tata Institute Of Fundamental Research

The scope of the work of the Institute which completed its third year a few months back has increased considerably during the year under report.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India has decided that in future the Institute will be the centre for all large-scale projects in nuclear research. This decision has been endorsed by the Board of Research on Atomic Energy. Accordingly, a team of scientists for training in the experimental and the theoretical techniques of nuclear physics is at work under the guidance of Dr. Bhabha.

Important research work in the application of the photographic technique in nuclear research, the construction of portable instruments for the geological prospecting of radio-active minerals, the measurement of the intensity of the cosmic radiation at high altitudes with radio-sonde technique, ground experiments on mesons with a Wilson Chamber, and the measurement of the aximuthal effect of cosmic radiation are in progress. The scheme for high altitude measurements of cosmic radiation with radio-sonde technique envisages a series of 32 flights at four stations of widely different latitudes and will extend over two or three years.

The results of the research work of members of the Institute were incorporated in sixteen scientific papers, notes and letters and these were published in the leading scientific journals in India and abroad.

During the year under report, Prof. R. C. Majumdar of the Delhi University, Prof. F. W. Levi of the Calcutta University and Prof. M. S. Vallarta of the Mexico University visited the Institute as Visiting Professors. In addition to participation in all the research activities of the Institute, Prof. Vallarta, during his stay at the Institute, gave a course of twelve lectures "On the Primary Cosmic Radiation and the Motion of Charged Particles in the earth's Magnetic Field". Prof. Levi, subsequent to his stay as a Visiting Professor, has accepted a Chair of Mathematic at the Institute. During the year, Prof. P. S. Gill, was appointed as Professor of Experimental Physics and Mr. S. Gupta of the Calcutta University was, with the permission of the Calcutta University, appointed a Reader in Theoretical Physics for a period of one year.

The Government of India have sanctioned financial assistance through their newly instituted Department of Scientific Research for the purpose of increasing the educational facilities at the Institute. As a result the Institute can now widen the scope of its instructional activities by giving courses of lectures which can be attended not only by members of the Institute, but by members of the University and other educational institutions in Bombay. This will make the Institute not only an important centre of research but a centre of advanced instruction as well.

Bakhle Sees Morarji

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. D. S. Bakhle, Chief Civil Administrator, Hyderabad, saw Mr. Morarji Desai, Home and Revenue Minister to the Government of Bombay, at the Bombay Secretariat on Wednesday.

He is learnt to have discussed the Hyderabad situation with the Home Minister.

Mr. Bakhle's visit to the Minister, was, it was understood, to impress upon him the need for experienced officers felt by the Hyderabad administration and whom Bombay could spare. He is also, learnt to have discussed with the Minister the progress of the anti-Communist campaign in Hyderabad.

INCREASE IN D. A. FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Corporation's Recommendation To Commissioner

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A Congress-sponsored resolution urging upon the Municipal Commissioner to consider the desirability of granting an increase of Rs. 10 in the dearness allowance of Municipal employees was adopted by a large majority at a special urgent meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation today. Mayor D. M. U. Mascarhenas presided.

Mr. Nathalal Parikh who moved the resolution said that the resolution was on the line of the recent announcement made by the Government of India and was applicable to all employees getting a salary of Rs. 250 per month or less. He hoped that such a step by the municipality would tend to smoothen the relations between the municipality and its employees.

Seconding the resolution Mr. Homi Talyarkhan pointed out that the new proposal would affect 25,957 municipal employees and would involve the Corporation into a financial liability of more than Rs. 2,60,000 per month or approximately Rs. 30 lakhs per year. Mr. Talyarkhan added that the proposal as brought forward by the Congress Party indicated the grave concern of the members of that party for the welfare of the municipal employees.

Mr. R. D. Bhandari moved an amendment that the salary limit to which the increment was applicable should be Rs. 400 and not Rs. 250 as suggested in the original resolution. The amendment was by way of a directive to the Municipal Commissioner asking him to implement the increment at once, and not only a consider its desirability. The amendment when put to the vote was lost by a large majority.

A further amendment moved by Mr. Ashok Mehta requested the Municipal Commissioner to consider the advisability of linking up dearness allowance with the cost of living and consequently granting dearness allowance to all municipal employees according to the scale recommended by the Central Pay Commission, with effect from Jan. 1, 1949.

Speaking on the resolution Mr. Mehta claimed that it was the persistent vigilance of the opposition that had compelled the Congress Party to come forward with their present resolution. Mr. Mehta further affirmed that a meagre increase of Rs. 10 was not sufficient in view of four of five times the increase in the cost of living. In fact the Pay Commission itself had recommended that the dearness allowance should be linked with the rising cost of living. There was no reason why the Corporation should not implement the recommendation of the Pay Commission which was accepted by the Government of India themselves.

Mr. Dinker Desai said that an increase of Rs. 10 was like giving the municipal employees a "Diwali bukshis". He supported Mr. Mehta's amendment.

The Municipal Commissioner Mr. B K. Patel expressed his satisfaction that the original resolution was not by way of any directive to him and that it sought only his opinion on the matter. Such a course was highly desirable for maintaining the stability of the municipal administration. He appealed to the members not to pass any outright opinion on the question without considering all the aspects, particularly the financial aspects of the question.

Mr. Ashok Mehta's amendment was also lost by a large majority. The original resolution was then put to the vote and passed.

Punjab Mail Derailed

Sequel To Sabotage

The Public Relations Officer, G.I.P., Railway, V.T., Bombay, writes:—

The 6 Up Punjab Mail was derailed between Bhad Bhada Ghat and Sukhi-Siwania at about 23 hours on Feb. 1. The engine and three bogies were derailed. Three passengers are reported to have received slight injuries to whom First Aid was rendered. The underailed portion of 6 Up Punjab Mail was taken back to Bina and is being worked to Bombay via Bina-Katni-Jubbulpore, clearing all the passengers travelling in the derailed bogies. The accident was due to sabotage.

198 Up Amritsar Express, 50 Up Grand Trunk Express, 5 Down Punjab Mail and 197 Down Amritsar Express trains have been diverted via Bina-Katni-Jubbulpore. Normal working is expected to be resumed by about 23 hours tonight

K. R. CAMA ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

DR. SIR JIVANJI JAMSHEDJI MODI PRIZE ESSAY

The Governing body of the K. R Cama Oriental Institute invites an essay, in English, on "A Critical study of the Yasna Haptanghaiti with reference to the Pahlavi and Sanskrit Versions", for a prize of Rs. 150/-. The competition is open to Parsis only.

The whole or part of the prize amount will be awarded to the competitor whose essay will be found worthy of it. The Governing Body's decision in the matter will be final. The essay must be submitted by the 31st July 1949, with the nom-de-plume only written on the front page of the essay. Full name and address of the competitor must be sent in a separate cover bearing on the outside the title of the essay and the competitor's nom-de-plume only, to the joint Honorary Secretaries, 136, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

SAROSH K. R. CAMA PRIZE ESSAY

The Governing body of the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute invites an essay, in English, on "A succinct history of the Zoroastrian apocalyptic literature, describing the sources and a complete idea of the apocalypsis, as described therein, comparing it with the Biblical and Koranic ideas", for a prize of Rs. 250/- The essay should not exceed 10,000 words.

Competitors must give a bibliography of the books consulted, the names of books with reference to pages, and place the quotations in inverted commas. The competition is open to Parsi as well as non-Parsi ladies and gentlemen.

Should the essay fail to come up to the requisite standard, the Governing Body of the Institute may not give the full prize or any prize whatsoever. The decision of the Governing Body remains final. The essay must be submitted on or before the 31st July 1949, with the nom-de-plume only written on the front page. The full name and address of the writer should be sent in a separate cover, bearing on the outside the title of the essay and the nom-de-plume of the writer, to the joint Honorary Secretaries, 136, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

RAMAN POSTPONES VISIT TO U. S.

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Sir C. V. Raman said here today that he had indefinitely postponed his tour of the United States owing to his pre-occupation with the starting of the "Raman Research Institute" at Bangalore. The scientist has been invited by the Watumull Foundation to the United States for a lecture tour.

KUTCH FAMINE UNDER CONTROL

Khimji Appeals For Generous Contribution To Relief Funds

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Bhawanji Arjan Khimji, President, Kutch—Famine Relief Committee, Bombay, and Vice-President, Kutch Central Famine Relief Committee, on his return from Kutch after a tour of observation of relief work has issued a statement in the course of which he says:—

The rigorous and sufferings caused by the prevalence of acute famine conditions in Kutch have been brought under control by the organised efforts of the non-official and official agencies set up there for the purpose of administering relief. According to rough estimates, over 12,000 persons are working in the construction of roads, irrigathion dams, and deepening of tanks in about 70 centres. The development of small ports is also being undertaken at Mandvi and Mundra and a good number of people are finding work therein. It is estimated that by the end of February it would be possible to provide regular work for more than 20,000 people in the above manner.

RELIEF TO OLD AND INFIRMED

An organised scheme of extending gratuitous relief to old and infirmed people, who are particularly in need of such assistance, is in progress. At present, about 5,000 persons are availing themselves of help under this scheme. In due course, it would be possible to extend free relief to about 10,000 persons.

Spinning as a subsidiary occupation is acknowledged to be a source of supplementary relief on occoasions of such emergency. The Bombay Kutch Famine Relief Committee has already earmarked a sum of Rs. 1 lakh for this purpose.

PROTECTION OF CATTLE

The problem of the protection of the cattle wealth of Kutch, which at one time caused considerable anxiety, is also being satisfactorily dealt with as a result of the recent visit of Sardar Datar Singh to Kutch.

Subsidy scheme to bring down the prices of fodder to a reaosnable level is being worked out. In order that the food given to cattle may contain sufficient nourishment concretates will be made available to he public through the Panjrapoles at reasonable prices. A Veterinary Surgeon with the necessary staff and equipment will soon be sent by the Government of India and preventive measures for making the cattle immune from diseases common in such emergencies will shortly be taken.

It is estimated that about 50,000 persons will require work during the peak period when the effect of the famine is likely to be felt most. The sum of Rs. 53.1/2 lakhs placed at the disposal of the Government of Kutch and Rs. 5.1/2 lakhs so far collected by the Bombay Kutch Famine Relief Committee are not adequate to cover the requirements of the case, considering the scope of the relief operations necessary for extending relief and help to all people in the famine stricken area and for retrieving the cattle wealth. The resources made available for relief operations will have to be substantially increased. The Kutch Central Famine Relief Committee has already requested the Chief Commissioner of Kutch to secure the release of more funds from the Government of India and I have no doubt that the Government of India, who have so far been very prompt and liberal in their assistance, will not hesitate to sanction further grants for expenditure on relief. The people of Bombay have a traditional reputation for generosity in times of distress and I feel confident that they would spontaneously come forward to assist the Bombay Committee in their efforts to relieve sufferings by responding adequately to the call for more funds.

BOMBAY RACES

2nd DAY

Saturday, 5th Feb. 1949

DAY ENTRANCE

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RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

The Bombay Chronicle

A man who puts aside his religion because he is going into Society, is like one taking off his shoes because he is about to walk on thorns.

—CECIL

THE FUTURE OF HYDERABAD

In the Dominion Parliament, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel indicated by his answers to questions the present position of Hyderabad. It would be wrong, he said, to call the administration a "military" administration because the Military Governor was assisted by a civil administrator. It was moreover of the nature of a caretaker government, holding office till conditions were favourable for the functioning of a popular government. The Government of India continued to concern itself with Hyderabad's "external relations" and it was in control of defence and communications. Sardar Patel mentioned that by a firman in December the Nizam had directed the preparation of the rolls for the elections to the Constituent Assembly. He explained that the Communist trouble was confined to a few local ities and gave the figures of detained Razakars and the amount of arms and ammunition seized. Out of all this a clear picture of Hyderabad State as it is today emerges. The Nizam, despite the reference to his firman-issuing powers, is to all intent and purposes a "constitutional monarch", advised not by popular ministers or ministers of his choice but by the Military Governor who draws his authority from the Union Government. Since the civil administrator himself comes from the Union, the authority of the Government of India is complete. Therefore, the Sardar's reference to the continuing control from Delhi of the three subjects relates to the future when Hyderabad becomes in practice as in theory autonomous in the Union.

Sardar Patel's naming the present administration a caretaker government is an indication that, until it is possible to have a popular ministry functioning, the Military Governor will continue in power. This is far from being the best arrangement but, in the face of the political wrangle in Hyderabad between rival State Congresses, it is the best possible. For reasons best known to themselves, the different factions in Hyderabad have all welcomed the Military Administration and indicated clearly that they prefer it to the restored supremacy, even under the Union Government's control, of the civil administration which, they appreciate, cannot be indigenous and which they do not want to be from outside Hyderabad. It is possible that the impersonal rule of the Military Governor is preferred to the rule of a Prime Minister who would come with a certain prestige from India and carry away the credit for negotiating the transition. The Indian Government which is interested in acting as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the people of an area, has, therefore, decided to continue the existing arrangement whilst facilitating the return to normal as early as possible.

The information given by Sardar Patel in the Assembly about the Razakars showed that there is no further trouble to be apprehended on that score. It is regrettable that the effort by Dr. Latif and his friends to organise the Muslim communally, even though with a view to their making the most effective contribution to democracy, is in every way keeping up communal divisions and dividing Hyderabadi from Hyderabadi. The problems of Hyderabad Muslims arise from the past communal separatism and they can only end if communalism in every form is given up. A minority of some 12 per cent of the population has everything to gain and nothing to lose by merging their indentity with the rest and working for the common good. And the Muslims of Hyderabad, by reason of their better education and favoured position, can assume the leadership of the rest of the people if they pursue the right policy. The proportion of Muslims in the services is high and has been high for some decades. It is not an easy task to disturb that position easily In fact, even the idea of disturbing it would not exist among the State people but for the feeling that the adminstrative machinery is not functioning justly. A great deal depends on how the leaders of all communities tied over the transition and their present freedom from the necessity of assuming governmental responsibility ought to give them a freer hand for building healthy relations between different sections of the population. Sardar Patel's statement has removed political issue from Hyderabad scene. The opportunity that now opens out, will, we trust, be fully availed of.

A Welcome Lead

The public statement of Khwaja Nazimuddin, Pakistan's Governor-General, that Pakistan belonged as much to the minorities as it did to the Muslims, is a close approximation to the ideal of a secular State. Mr. Nazimuddin remarked that all that was needed was "mental adjustment to the vast changes in the political structure which had been brought about by partition". In a sense, this is not quite correct so far as the public is concerned. Before partition, the greater part of the territories now known as Pakistan were under Muslim League ministries In fact, all Bengal, instead of Eastern Bengal alone, was under a League ministry. So far as the Punjab went, there too it was a Muslim government. Communally, the position has not changed fundamentally and provincial autonomy was as good as sovereign independence. The minorities have been under no necessity to change their attitude but what has happened is that the majority has assumed too much. The Congress, being a non-communal organisation, succeeded in keeping communalism in check politically in this Dominion; the League itself communal has only recently awakened to the necessity of curbing it's more fanatical section Thus, the change that had occurred with partition on both sides—there are elements here who looked on partition as a heaven-sent opportunity to develop along their "own lines"—has to be corrected by another change of which Khwaja Nazimuddin gave a demonstration when he said that Pakistan belonged to minorities as much as to Muslims.

The Pakistan Governor-General's remark is a singularly happy one. It recognises as nothing else could, that the members of the minority communities, whether in India or in Pakistan, ask for something more than just the right to eke out a tolerated existence. What they seek is the right to live a full life and the opportunity to develop to their full stature. It must be frankly conceded that, despite sympathy felt in each Dominion for those who have sought a refuge and a home in its midst from the other Dominion, it has not been possible to help the "refugees" to assimilate with the people. On both sides of the new frontiers, it has been realised that the two-nation theory is a complete myth and that provincial differences are, to some extent, more real than religious affinities. If as Mr. Nazimuddin put it, the people of Pakistan are convinced that all are equal in the eyes of the State and that citizenship is not the prerogative of one community, then it will be possible not only to check the minorities from leaving the Dominoin but even to see a reverse movement in progress It is not a decision lightly taken to uproot oneself from the land of one's fathers and seek a new existence elsewhere.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Dr. E. G. Jansen, Minister for Native Affairs, told the Assembly, amid uproar, that speeches by reasonable South Africans were used abroad to "whip up passions" against the Union. The logical consequences of opposition policy was that non-Europeans with their numerical majority would eventually rule the country.

"White South Africa cannot afford to take the risk" he said.

— CAPETOWN REPORT.

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Sardar Patel was cheered when he announced in the Constituent Assembly that Government did not recognise the Akali Party".

Master Tara Singh should now decide on—sorry, should now announce his tentative intention of—not recognising Sardar Patel and his Government.

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Sardar Patel explained, however, that the Akali Party as such was not recognised by the Government of India but their members had been consulted and represented in the Interim Government (for Patiala and East Punjab States Union) and that such members were taken to hold the viewpoints of the Akalis.

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It is announced by the British Foreign Office that Britain has granted the Dutch KLM airlines landing rights on the Mauritious islands in the Indian Ocean.

Of course, Britain would. Solidarity with Dutch Imperialism must take precedence over obligation to the U.N. Charter and the S. E. Asian Dominions.

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To the Soviet inquiry as to Norwegian intentions regarding the Atlantic Pact proposed by the rivals of the Soviet Union, Norway, we are informed, has returned an answer "firm in tone", to the effect that Norway had not decided to join in.

We are impressed.

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"It would", urges Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in her "My Day" column " be better if the Soviet would trust other nations."

The suggestion is fully reciprocated by the Soviet from their side.

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General Chennault believes that communist forces in China, using Japanese military stockpiles in Manchuria, have sufficient material "to supply a million men for 10 years of fighting."

But don't let anyone worry or be downhearted. A couple or so of the U.S. Super-Atom Bombs, the manufacture of which has just been announced, will finish all the stockpiles off in flash.

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"Reliable sources" in Tel Aviv are reported to have said that Jerusalem soon may be declared the capital of Israel.

We shouldn't be surprised. After all what are the U.S. and the Soviet Union leaders of the world for?

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Criticising Britain and her policy, Mr. de Valera said at a meeting in England: "You cannot speak about democracy when you are destroying democracy."

Why not? Everybody does it, don't they!

MAXIMUM OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT FOR INDIA

Gollan Welcomes Closer Relationship Between Two Countries

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (A.P.I.): Australia would send to India the maximum wheat available, irrespective of what she required or got in return, said Mr. H. R. Gollan, the new Australian High Commissioner in India at a press conference this evening.

Mr. Gollan said that during his recent visit to Australia, the Australian Premier, Mr. Chiefley, personally assured him that Australia would meet Indian requirements of wheat to the maximum possible extent and it would by no means be used as a lever or bargaining point.

PRICE OF WHEAT

Asked if there was not a wide disparity between the price of wheat paid to Australian farmers and the rate at which it was sold to India, Mr. Gollan said that so far as the latest negotiations were concerned talks were still in progress between the representatives of the two governments. He was sure that the rate to be fixed would be one mutually acceptable. The world price yet remained to be determined by the International Wheat Organisation which was meeting in Washington.

Mr. Gollan stated in this connection that the Australian farmer was assured of a minimum price and whatever in excess was secured went to a common pool fund which was maintained to ensure stabilisation of prices in lean years. It should further be remembered, he added, that wheat was a highly political question in Australia. The Country Party was quite strong and influenced federal politics.

TIES WITH INDIA

Mr. Gollan referred to the closer relationship between Australia and India as was recently demonstrated by Australia's participation in the Asia Conference in Indonesia. The invitation itself came from the Prime Minister of India and the outcome of the Conference pointed clearly to the interests which Australia and India shared, not only in the broader aspects of international harmony and justice as envisaged in the United Nations Charter but in the particular problem of this region in which they were geographical neighbours.

The Indian Ocean, Mr. Gollan declared, was an important region in which India and Australia were both vitally concerned and it was Australia's policy to collaborate with countries in this zone. "Over the coming year", he said, "this region will undoubtedly receive the increasing attention and collaboration of both our countries. Australia for her part is keenly interested in the welfare of this region—Australia is well now, as an active member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. This itself, it seems to me, gives us an additional link with India, whose ideals of independence and democratic government accord so closely with our own. It is a link which, I believe, will remain whether or not India, in moulding her own future, chooses to remain within the Commonwealth."

SIMILARITY OF IDEAS

Mr. Gollan emphasised that it was a notable fact that the voices of Australia and India—both young in the hierarchy of nations—were being heard clearly in the world's counsels today, in a fashion which would have been unthought of a few generations ago. Despite many differences in their cultural background and their way of life, this emergence of the two countries into world affairs emphasised the basic and unalterable democratic ideals which they shared.

Mr. Gollan referred to the cultural relations between India and Australia and said he should like to see more opportunities for Australians to learn about India, and this could probably best be done by an increasing exchange of scientists, teachers and students, between the two countries.

ECONOMIC RELATIONS SATISFACTORY

On the economic side Mr. Gollan said that the trade relations between the two countries showed every promise of expanding. The position at present was indeed a healthy one which betoken a future of mutual independence. Latest trade returns for the five-months period ending November last showed the balance remaining somewhat in India's favour.

Mr. Gollan also spoke on the economic situation in Australia and in respect of foreign capital said: "Our policy has been to encourage without hesitation the investment of overseas capital. In the past three years 53-1/2 million Australian pounds of new capital has been invested in Australia by overseas interests including 129 companies from the United Kingdom, eighty-seven from the United States as well as a few from Canada and other countries. Profits and Royalties may be withdrawn from Australia provided that they be not in excessive amounts in relation to invested capital".

Mr. Gollan said that Indian businessmen who visited Australia to investigate trade matters at first-hand could be assured of a warm welcome.

RATIONALISATION IN U. P. MILLS

Bombay Expert To Help: Wage Question To Be Settled By Tribunal

LUCKNOW, Feb. 2 (UPI)—The constitution of high class tribunal consisting of a High Court Judge, a representative of workers and a representative of employers, assisted by technical and financial experts, to decide the question of wages of labour was announced by Mr. Sampurnanand, Labour Minister, U.P. addressing a special session of the U.P. Provincial Textile Industry and Labour Tripartite Conference in the Council House.

The Labour Minister also disclosed that the U.P. Government had requested the Bombay Government to lend the services of an expert to assist them in the problem of standardisation and rationalisation in mills. Until then, he appealed to employers not to resort to retrenchment.

CUTTACK, Feb. 2 (API)—A conference of members of the Orissa States Assembly members of the Advisory Committees of the different States and workers of the Orissa State held here yesterday decided in favour of holding elections in the States for membership to the Orissa Legislative Assembly.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

An Australian Outrage

The Press and the clergy of Australia are more sensible and realistic than the great statesmen of the Labour Government of that country. But these gentlemen have nearly always been fanatically white and anti-Asiatic at least one of them openly declared not many years ago that Orientals were lacking in integrity and honesty. It is, therefore, not really surprising that the Australian Government should commit an outrage, which has shocked the more understanding among Australians. An Indonesian wife of an Australian took refuge in Australia with her eight children during the last war. In pursuance of their White Australia policy the Government has decided to deport that poor woman and her children. Apart from the inhumanity of the policy and of the Immigration Minister's action, the outrage is emphasised by the irony of the fact that this wife of an Australian is —an Indonesian. Championing on high moral and democratic principles the case of Indonesia and simultaneously acting in Australia against an Indonesian on exactly the reverse of those principles is hypocrisy rendered more lurid in the present circumstances. But the policy that is being pursued will inevitably end in disastrous failure.

Ignoring The Inevitable

Australian "statesmen" who have only recently been warning the Dutch and others that Asia has awakened, should open their own eyes to the fact too. Their press and clergy are only being realistic when they warn them that their behaviour cannot go unmarked in Asia and that "we won't fool Asia." Australians and their leaders have to realise one or two things in their own interests and as soon as possible As one of their own papers, the 'Sydney Herald", advises them in connection with their racial policy, "antiquated ideas must be changed to meet new contingencies."

Yes, new contingencies are now taking the field. The world is changing. And in this changing world Asia, that is to say, the peoples of Asia, who are coloured and who constitute considerably more than half the population of the world, are emerging from a long period of slavery and subservience. Nothing can now stop them from their progress towards complete equality, equality in status, equality in rights and privileges. It is foolish of Australians to live under the delusion that a vast continent in the Pacific will always remain the preserve of a few million Whites added to periodically by a score or so of Whites from Europe. Even apart from the inhumanity of the "White Australia" policy, even apart from the standing insult which this policy has made of Australia to over a thousand million people, the very compulsion of changing circumstances will smash this outrageous monopoly. There are only two ways for Australians to face the inevitable and the present is the wrong way. It will be disastrous.

Thakin Nu's Offer

The spirit of revolt among the Karen minority is extensive. That explains the fact that there flares up trouble wherever the Karens are, even in the Suburbs of Rangoon. The Government, declared Thakin Nu on Tuesday last, was now ready with its measures to quell the rising. But Thakin Nu is proving himself to be a Premier who is neither unsympathetic nor autocratic but a constructive statesman. He does not minimise the nature of the situation which he has declared to be "serious". The situation, however, is fundamentally an expression of the political aspirations of the Karens. Thakin Nu fully recognises it and has made a public offer to grant a separate State for the Karens. But, of course, he cannot allow the Karen State to secede from the rest of Burma. This is an eminently reasonable position, advantageous to both sides and assuring the unity of Burma without which the Karens themselves will be reduced to miserable insignificance in East Asia. Both self-interest and higher patriotism should induce the Karens to respond to the Burmese Premier's gesture.

What Kind Of Press?

The "Newspaper World" has two interesting pieces about all the agitation for a better press' Speaking at the Fleet Street Column Club Christmas lunch, Lord Brabazon, as an outsider, had some home-truths—or so he thought—to say to the Press. He began by declaring that a country and a government got the Press it deserved and that was "a pretty grim thought". Then in the rather exaggerated role of the "ordinary reader" he protested that he did not understand all the hullabaloo over circulation; it was depressing to think that 20,000,000 readers were all reading the same rot as he was. But, unkindest cut of all, he roundly ended up by saying that newspapers did not depend for popularity on news, leading articles, photographs or even pools forecasts—they went by the modern strip; "if ever Rip Kirby became engaged to Jane", said Lord Brabazon, "circulation would go up so much that they would all be ruined." Unlike Lord Brabazon's destructive comments, James Bartlett in his column in the "Newspaper World" gives a want-to-be-constructive quotation from Robert Drummond's "The Press and World Affairs" which goes to the root of the matter without stepping on journalistic corns. Drummond writes, "If the Press is doing less than it is capable of doing towards the advancement of civilisation, the fault is not entirely its own....The Press itself can do much more than it has done toward the attainment of the ideal....But public education comes first. More persons must want to be well and truly informed. It is, above all, the Reader's Choice." With the Press wanting the Public to improve it and the Public wanting the Press to improve them, it is only natural that the Government should step in to improve both and it is also natural that the Government's view of what that improvement should be is also limited. In this lies the whole history of the Freedom of the Press as it is developing in recent times.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Signatures In Delivery-Books

Sir,—All offices, whether Government or private, make use of hand-delivery system. Office-boys who are entrusted with this sort of work, are provided with a "Delivery Book", in which the receiving persons are to sign by way of acknowledgment. I know of many instances in which people sign in various ways, sometimes even disfiguring the book itself, many of them cannot decipher their own signatures after some days. In such circumstances the poor office-boy becomes the target of various accusations, not to say abuse. If only these gentlemen would care to sign neatly in the delivery book, office-boys would be grateful to them.—Yours, etc.

R. K. SAVANT.

Pacific Ideals

Sir,—The All-India Pacific Workers' Conference at Sevagram concluded by viewing with concern the introduction of Military Training in Educational Institutions.

This is very significant in many ways and may affect the membership of the Sarvodaya Samaj of many like me. I am a firm believer that Pacific Ideals and Military Training can go hand in hand and that they ought to go.

Pacificism and Militarism are entirely different from Pacific ideals and Military Training. The U.N.O. is pledged to Peace and Pacific Ideals yet believes and organises Universal Military Training and desires to keep in readiness to oppose Militarism. The mental make-up and attitude count for everything. Non-violence as a basic policy is accepted by all great thinkers of the world.

The Congress Government is Pacifist but knows the value, need and use of the forces. The Commander-in-Chief is a man of Peace.

Will Pacifist Workers resolve the conflict, the sooner the better? Yours etc.

J. M. KAYANDE.

Tenants' Problems

Sir,—The Minister for Excise and Reconstruction, Mr. L. M. Patil, is reported to have said to a reporter while explaining Requisition Act that, according to the Act, Landlords are still required to report to the Government the vacancies in their premises and the Government will utilise that information in requisitioning such vacant places and allot them to the Government servants, Cansular Corps, etc., only and to no other persons. This explanation of the Minister is bound to create a sense of frustration in the minds of the general public who number hundreds of thousands and are homeless who hoped that the popular Government will find some way or other out of the situation created by their closure of the Requisitioning Department.

The point-blank statement of Mr. Patil that public have no hope of getting any any accommodations from the Government through the Department is disappointing. Already the landlords are forcibly adding to the already large number of homeless by resorting to the tactics of serving quit notices on their tenants on the plea that they desire to demolish the present structure and construct new ones in their place. Why not amend the act in the light of the High-Court's decisions and keep the power for themselves to requisition vacant premises? The closure of the department has strengthened the hands of the landlords. Will our popular Government not come to the rescue of its people?—Yours, etc.

M. S. RAJADHYAX,
Secretary "G" Ward Tenants' Association.

Railway Delays

Sir,—Apropos the oft-repeated complaint of the Government Railway Department that one of the principal contributory causes of the present long delays and other difficulties of our Indian railways is the lack of co-operation on the part of merchants and others to whom goods are consigned, in taking immediate delivery of goods and releasing wagons on arrival at their destinations, we would like to cite a typical instance of how delays are often caused and the movements of wagons held up due to the negligence and dilatoriness of railway administrations themselves rather than those of consignees of goods.

A case of machinery consigned to us from Satara Road railway station (M. & S. M. Railway) arrived at Dasur railway station on the same line and has sbeen lying in a wagon there for exactly a month today. The Station-master is not able to give us delivery of the case despite of our asking for it almost daily, because he is unable to procure the crane normally kept at the next adjoining station (Belgaum) for lifting the case off the wagon. At the Station-master's request, we applied for the crane almost immediately on the arrival of the wagon but for some reason it has not yet been sent to him. The same wagon also contains another case booked to some other party further down the line which is, of course, also held up.

Another consignment of our booked to us from Bombay by goods train nearly 3-1/2 months ago has not yet arrived at Dasur railway station— and the Government asks for and expects manufacturers to accelerate production!—Yours, etc.

T. P. DAVER

Indian Cricket

Sir,—Now that the Dresent West Indies' tour is nearly drawing to a close with the West Indies one up, it is time for those concerned to do some hard thinking and heart searching with a view to devising ways and means to win the final Bombay test and thus draw the rubber.

The absence of a real match-winning pace bowler has been felt very much, but here we can only put in the field the best available in the country at the moment until we unearth new talents and develop them. The Selectors have a very unenviable task to perform, but they have to assure themselves that their criterion is sheer form and merit. Consistency counts more than a few flashy performances, either with the bat or the ball, and a player should neither be selected on the strength of a single performance or omitted on the failure of one.

Our fielding can, by no stretch of imagination, be said to be up to Test standard. Lapses in the field even by our best players have been the cause of our undoing in many a match. Alertness and anticipation should be the watchwords all the time on the field. What a pleasing contrast the visiting teams present in this department of the game! Fielding should be the first essential qualification of a player, be he batsman or bowler.

The strength of the chain is its weakest link, and so it is in cricket as in all other team-games. One indifferent player is enough to cost the side the match. Complete harmony and understanding must prevail between the skipper and his men and each one should give of his very best in all departments of the game. Strict discipline should be observed by one and all.

Particular attention must be paid to the due and proper composition of the team so as to make it a well balanced side, the batting order, the judicious use of the right bowler at the right time and at the right end, the big match temperament, playing for the side as the state of the game demands and keen alert fielding with unerring anticipation.

My only excuse for writing this is my abiding enthusiasm for the game and the eagerness to see our team winning at least one Test match This is in no way detracting from the splendid and creditable performances of the West Indies team who, I am glad to say, have excelled themselves in all departments of the game and who richly deserve the well-merited victory they achieved in Madras. It has been a delight to watch them in action and they have given us many an object lesson in all aspects of the game, both on and off the field.

And lastly, the running commentary at Madras has not been, I regret to say, up to the mark. We have had better commentaries in the past. More often than not, the listener is kept on tenterhooks waiting for the essential detail in that particular stage of the game while matters of lesser importance are put across. And quite a few errors were made in the figures and other essential details given. These may kindly be avoided in future.—Yours, etc.

N. K. A. SASTRI.

Solar Observatory Notices Sunspots

MADRAS, Feb. 2 (API)—Two moderate sized but fairly active sunspot groups are noticed says a message received from the Director of the Solar Physical Observatory Kodaikanal.

The message adds radio fadeouts and geomagnetic disturbances are likely between the 3 and 7 Feb.

EVERYDAY LIFE

The Drumstick trees are again in flower, and the loose sprays of sweetly-scented, cream flowers, nestling among the dainty foliage attract birds as well as insects to the tree. Bees fly purposefully from their hives to the flowers, and back again to their hives, loaded with creamy pollen. The solitary Carpenter Bee zooms around the flowers, for once seeming to prefer the creamy flowers to its usual favourites, the mauve ones. Sunbirds, their metallic colours gleaming and changing in the sunshine, hang upside down as they probe their long curved beaks into the depths of the flowers for honey. The Drumstick is surely one of the most useful of our trees, although its wood is so brittle and its branches break so easily. The young tender leaves are used as a vegetable, as also are the long, cylindrical, tapering fruits. A thick gum oozes copiously from the broken bark of both trunk and branches. Even the roots have their use, for they yield the "horse radish" which sometimes causes the tree to be known as the Horse Radish tree.

D. R.

DRUMSTICK.

PAKISTAN BELONGS TO NON-MUSLIMS AS WELL

Nazimuddin Urges Mental Adjustment To Vast Changes

DACCA, Feb. 1 (APD).—Khwaja Nazimuddin, Pakistan's Governor-General, addressing a public meeting here this evening said that, with the cessation of hostilities in Kashmir a new era of co-operation and goodwill between India and Pakistan had been ushered in.

"I hope," Khwaja Nazimuddin added, "that conditions will soon be created in which the people of Kashmir and Jammu may be able to say whether they want to cast their lot with Pakistan or India. This improvement in the Indo-Pakistan relations was most welcome and will, I am sure, lead to greater co-operation between the Dominions as well as in the international field."

Referring to the minorities Khwaja Nazimuddin called upon them to come forward as Pakistanis and take a leading part in the building up of their State. He was happy to note the "welcome return to sanity" among those who had migrated but were returning to their homes. Pakistan Government never wanted them to leave their homeland and he was sure that the Muslims of East Bengal wanted their non-Muslim fellow countrymen to stay.

"Pakistan", he added, "is as much their country as that of the Muslims. All that is required is mental adjustment to the vast changes in the political structure that has been brought about by the partition of this sub-continent and the creation of two independent sovereign States."

NAZIMUDDIN'S ADVICE TO PAKISTAN YOUTH

DACCA, Feb. 2 (UPI)—His Excellency Khwaja Nazimuddin, Governor-General of Pakistan addressing the special convocation of the Dacca University today asked the Pakistan youth to become "full alive to the duties and responsibilities which it would be called upon to shoulder in the near future".

"If properly trained and equipped men and women are not available in adequate numbers then the state will collapse, for we cannot hand it over to foreigners for preservation and development.

The Dacca University conferred on his Excellency an honorary degree of Doctor of Law.

COMMUNISTS RETREAT FROM ICHENG

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return to Nanking and remain in Nanking.

EVACUATION IN "FULL SWING"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 2, (PTI-REUTER):— The evacuation of dependents of Government employees and official archives from Hankow, Shasi and Ichang in Hupeh Province to the south bank of the Yangtse is in "full swing", as several Communist armies continued their southward sweep from Honan and north Hupeh, according to Chinese press reports today.

U. S. MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP SHIFTS TO TOKYO

TOKYO, Feb. 2, (PTI-Reuter):— The Joint United States Military Advisory Group to China, which has withdrawn from Nanking, is temporarily located in Tokyo, General Macarthur's Headquarters announced today. Major General David G Barr is Chief of the group.

Fateful Meeting For Anti-War Pact Held Up

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Beyond this, Mr. Ross refused to be drawn.

Why Not Geneva?

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary General, said today that among other places Geneva might be suitable for a meeting between President Truman and Marshal Stalin. H said he was still ready to put all the facilities of the United Nations at the disposal of the two statesmen if they decided to meet.

These included Lake Success, the General Assembly hall at Flushing Meadows or the old League of Nations building in Geneva.

TEXT OF STALIN'S MESSAGE

LONDON, Feb 3 (PTI-Reuter): Moscow radio tonight broadcast the text of Premier Stalin's message to Mr. Kingsbury Smith, European General Manager of the I. N. S. It read:

"To Mr. Kingsbury Smith, European General Manager, International News Service Agency, Paris.

"In answer to your telegram of February one, I thank President Truman for the invitation to go to Washington.

"To visit Washington has long been my desire which I expressed to President Roosevelt in Yalta and President Truman in Potsdam.

"I regret that at present, I am deprived of the possibility of carrying out this desire of mine, since doctors strongly object to my making any long journey, especially by air or sea.

VENUE OF MEETING

"The Government of the Soviet Union would welcome the President's visit to the U.S.S.R. A Conference could be arranged in Moscow, Leningrad, or Kalinningrad, Odessa or Yalta, according to the President's choice, if this would not inconvenience the President.

"If, however, these proposals should meet with the President's objection, a meeting could be arranged in Poland or Czechoslovakia, according to the President's wish.

"Respectfully, Stalin, Feb. 2, 1949."

SMITH'S TELEGRAM TO STALIN

The Moscow broadcast said Mr. Smith sent the following telegram to Premier Stalin from Paris yesterday: "To Generalissimo Joseph Stalin, Kremlin Moscow.

"Your Excellency J.

The official representative of the White House stated today that President Truman would be pleased to have the opportunity of conferring with you in Washington. Would you be prepared, Your Excellency, to travel to Washington for this purpose?

"If not, then where would you be prepared to meet the President?

With profound respect, Kingsbury Smith, European General Manager, International News Service".

Paris Offer

PARIS, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): M. Henri Queuille, the French Premier, today offered Paris as a place of meeting for Generalissimo Stalin and President Truman.

Invited at an Anglo-American Press Association Luncheon to give his opinion of the telegram in which Marshal Stalin today invited President Truman to a conference in the Soviet Union, Poland or Czechoslovakia, he said:

"Marshal Stalin says his doctors forbid a long journey. Perhaps Mr. Truman will find that his own health does not permit a voyage to Eastern Europe."

'MORE STATIC THAN A YEAR AGO'

Kenneth Royall On International Situation

TOKIO, Feb. 3 (PTI?Reuter): Mr. Kenneth Royall, United States Army Secretary, now visiting Japan told a press conference today the international situation was "at least more static than a year ago".

Asked whether it was planned to increase army strength in Japan, Mr. Royall said that troop strength everywhere was "dependent upon the strategic situation" which might change from time to time, and on the availability of troops.

"Presently there is no intention to increase appreciably the number of troops in this area", he said.

One Hurdle Cleared For United Karnatak

(From Our Correspondent)

HUBLI, (By Mail): The main hurdle in the path of United Karnatak has been removed. The Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee and the Karnatak Unification Mahasamiti, the two most powerful organisations in Dominion Karnatak have accepted His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore as the constitutional head of United Karnatak State. The die is cast on behalf of the people of Dominion Karnatak. It is to be seen what further step the people of Mysore will take to achieve the common goal of United Karnatak.

The credit for winning over the minds of the people of Dominion Karnatak and making them accept the Maharaja of Mysore as their constitutional head goes to mainly two persons. They are the Hon. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and Shri. Siddavvanahalli Nijalingappa, Member of the Congress Working Committee and President of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee.

They also pleaded that this was the opportune moment when the people of Dominion Karnatak and the State of Mysore should jointly press their demands. They had pointed out that this was possible only, if the people of Dominion Karnatak accepted the Maharaja of Mysore as the constitutional head of United Karnatak State.

LEAGUE APPEAL TO UNION MUSLIMS

Co-operate With Govt. In Eliminating Subversive Activities

MADRAS, Feb. 2 (A.P.I.): The Working Committee of the Indian Union Muslim League, which met here for the last two days under the presidentship of Mr. M. Mohamed Ismail, today by a resolution appealed to the Indian Muslims, particularly in view of the confusion, anarchy and violence prevailing in some of the adjoining countries, to continue their active assistance and co-operation with the government in eliminating all subversive activities from the land thereby strengthening the hands of the Government in maintaining law and order in the country.

Representatives from Tamilnad, Andhra, Bangalore, Coorg, and Malabar attended the meeting.

The meeting welcomed the 'genuine' and friendly attitude of both the Governments of India and Pakistan in regard to their mutual relations and particularly on the Kashmir question and fully supported the decision of both the governments to solve the problem by the democratic method of free and peaceful plebiscite. The Committee expressed the hope that the cordial relations started so happily would be further strengthened and perpetuated by both the governments.

What Dr. Roy Said On Refugee Problem

CALCUTTA, Feb 2 (A.P.I.): In our message dated Calcutta January 31 it was stated that more than 10,250,000 people from East Bengal had migrated to West Bengal during the past few months.

What Dr. B. C Roy, the Premier of West Bengal, actually said was that the refugee problem involved not merely those who had left East Bengal but concerned also those who had remained behind. More than 10,250,000 people were thus affected and the Premier made an appeal to the people for all help and co-operation in solving the refugee problem.

CAR THAT WENT ASTRAY

This car, careering along Marine Drive, Bombay, on Wednesday afternoon, skidded, crashed into a lamp-post and came to rest in the hedge in the middle of the road.

AUSTRALIA OF THE WHITES

Malayan Who Served In Army Asked To Quit Country

BRISBANE, Feb. 2 (P. T. I.—Reuter): Torpikee Binh Hassen, a Malayan has been ordered by the Immigration Department to leave Australia by the first available ship.

The Queensland Trades and Labour Council protested to immigration Minister Arthur Calwell, who replied that Hassan must leave by the first or be deported.

The Council said Hassen came to Australia in 1920 joined the Australian Army in 1942 and received an honourable discharge after serving in and outside Australia.

KASHMIR PLEBISCITE ADMINISTRATOR

Panel To Be Sent To India And Pakistan For Selection

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 22 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary General disclosed today that no progress had yet been made in the choice of a Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir but that several names were being considered. A list of distinguished persons, mainly American or Latin American, has been sent to the Secretary of the Kashmir Commission for submission to the Indian and Pakistan governments.

When the list returns here, with the preferences marked by the interested governments, Mr. Lie will open negotiations with the persons concerned Officials here point out that this is a cumbersome but unavoidable process. The person chosen for the job must not only commend world confidence but must also be in a position to give up many months of his time.

Among the persons mentioned so far is Mr. Milton Eisenhower, President of Kansas State College and brother of General Dwight Eisenhower.

G. L. Mehta Opens Chanda's Exhibition

BOMBAY, Feb. 2 (API)—"The spirit of Poet Rabindranath Tagore will always remain a beacon-light to India in her endeavour to find expression in art, music and literature" said Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Indian Tariff Board, declaring open an exhibition of paintings and drawings of Shrimati Ranee Chanda, a well-known artist of Santiniketan, organised by the Tagore Society of Bombay here this evening.

Mr. Mehta referred to the great contribution of Poet Tagore to the growth of cultural renaissance of India and said that one would be better able to appreciate the spirit of India if one tried to understand how the Poet's undying spirit inspired many eminent artists, poets and authors to add to this rich heritage.

Mr. Mehta described Shrimati Ranee Chanda as one "who had tried to express the beauty and grandeur of India, through her paintings and drawings."

A large and distinguished gathering which present on the occasion, including Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister of Bombay, Mrs. Krishna Hutheesingh, Mrs C. H. Timberlake, wife of the American Consul-General, and the French Consul in Bombay.

AGA KHAN FOR PARIS

NICE, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): The Aga Khan will probably leave Cannes for Paris on Feb. 8 or 9.

A source close to the Aga Khan announcing this today said, he would enter a nursing home for an operation on the prostateas arranged some time ago.

Begum Ali Khan Confirms Her Divorce Petition

PARIS, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): Begum Ali Khan today called on M. Marcel Rousselet, President of the Seine Civil Court, and formally confirmed her petition for divorce.

She was accompanied by her lawyer, Maitre Jean Rappoport.

The date of the formal attempt to reconcile the parties, which French Law requires before a divorce can be made absolute, has not yet been fixed.

Prince Ali Khan has stated that he intends to marry film star Rita Hayworth as soon as the divorce is completed.

Vidyapith Reception To Nehru

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD Feb. 2.

A royal reception will be accorded to Pandit Nehru, India's Prime Minister, during his arrival here on Feb. 12.

AMERICAN HOMAGE TO GANDHIJI

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UPI)—The life and memory of Mahatma Gandhi continue to be revered in addresses and newspaper comments throughout the United States on the first anniversary of the assassination of the great Indian leader.

Dr. Paul F. Douglass, one of the principal speakers at the Gandhi memorial services in Washington, termed the Mahatma as a saint at work in history.

The Doctor said he bequeathed much to his people. "As a testament to the generations of men, he bequeathed the example that truth is an actual living experience of the inner spirit disciplined to see God face to face in the stream of history.

"The Washington Post" featured an article by Lady Rama Rao, wife of the Indian Ambassador, on Gandhiji's ideals.

She wrote: "Truth, non-violence and the brotherhood of man were his guiding principles, and in spite of all the chaos around him, he had the courage to preach day after day that these principles could not be compromised with, that there could be no violation of basic ideals."

GANDHIJI'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY IN MAURITIUS

MAURITIUS, Jan. 31.

A series of solemn meetings and gatherings throughout the island, an exhibition of Gandhiji's photographs and books, special radio broadcasts and the screening of Mahatmaji's films marked the observance of the first death anniversary of Gandhiji here.

Baithkas and havan yagna were performed in temples in many parts of the island. The Indian Commissioner, Mr. Dharam Yash Dev, accompanied local members of the Executive and Legislative Council in a 145-mile tour round the island and addressed 8 meetings between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Indian films, "Amarsangam" and "Immortal Mahatma" were screened on Sat. and Sun. in over a dozen important cinemas throughout the island.

The day's programme ended with a broadcast by the Commissioner in English.

NASIK "REMEMBRANCE DAY" ON FEB. 12

NASIK, Feb. 2 (API): Congress leaders from all parts of Maharashtra are expected to gather here on the banks of the River Godavari on Feb. 12 to observe "Remembrance Day" according to the decision of the Working Committee of the Maharashtra Congress Committee.

On that day last year Mahatma Gandhi's ashes were immersed in the Holy "Ramakunda" of the River Godavari by Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay. The day's programme includes religious rites on the "Ramakunda", "Sarvodaya" Exhibition, spinning and public speeches in the evening by Mr. L. M. Patil, Bombay Minister for Excise and Acharya Dada Dharmadhikari from Wardha.

Indians In Kabul Observe Mahatma's Death Anniversary

KABUL, Jan. 31.

At a simple, solemn ceremony Kabul Indians observed the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi yesterday. The function was attended by representatives of Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, as well as Afghans.

The function began with two-minutes silence followed by "Ramdhun". The "Message" was read out, as also quotations from Gandhiji's writings. Photographs of Gandhiji were also on exhibition.

R.S.S. Students In C.P. Released

NAGPUR, Feb. 2 (API): All students arrested in connection with the RSS movement, who have to appear for the high school and university examinations, have been released by the C.P. Government, in pursuance of the directive from the Central Government, their exact number is not available yet but the total number of students arrested in the Province is said to be 800.

PALESTINE ARMISTICE TALKS

RHODES, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): Egyptian envoy Colonel Ismail Shereen returned here tonight from Cairo with new Egyptian instructions which were expected to break the present deadlock in the Palestine Armistice Talks.

PATTABHI'S 'NO' TO BHOPAL CONGRESS

Cannot Give 'Stay Order' On Disciplinary Action

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2, (API): The Congress President Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, it is learnt, has turned down a request of the Bhopal District Congress Committee to give a "stay order" on the disciplinary action taken against it by the Madhaya Bharat Provincial Congress Committee.

Representatives of both the parties met him recently at a joint conference here.

The Congress President is understood to have told the representatives of the Bhopal Congress that such a "stay order" could not be given under the Congress rules as the Bhopal Congress, at the first instance had disobeyed the order of the Madhya Bharat Provincial Congress Committee to expediate their enquiry in this matter.

There has been a dispute between the Madhyabharat Provincial Congress Committee and the Bhopal District Committee over propaganda relating to the determination of position in the present political set up.

ON WAY TO GREATER RAJASTHAN

JODHPUR, Feb. 2 (U.P.I.): It is undearstod that the Rajputana States Rulers have been invited by the States Maharaja of Mysare as the constitutend a conference to be held on February 5 at New Delhi to discuss further details regarding the formation of Greater Rajasthan.

It is further understood that the Prime Ministers of Jodhpur, Jaipur, Bikaner, Rajasthan and Matsya Unions of Rajputana States are also meeting at Delhi tomorrow to discuss the future set-up of Greater Rajasthan.

The members of the Rajputana Provincial Parliamentary Board are also meeting there tomorrow.

LAND REVENUE IN SAURASHTRA

From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT, Feb. 2.—The Saurashtra Government have recently addressed a circular letter to the Collectors of all the four Districts of Saurashtra directing them to reassure the cultivators in their respective areas that the land revenue assessment fixed at the rates of two rupees and four rupees per bigha of the jarayat and bagayat lands respectively are hedged about with limitations conceived in the best interests of the farming community.

Regional surveys of crops shall determine what precise amount shall be collected per bigha. If anything more than the definite norm to be so fixed has been collected per bigha of land placed under the kharif crops the excess shall be carried over to the second instalment of land revenue collection in fairness to the cultivators If a balance still remains due to the cultivators it shall be duly refunded to them.

FIFAD TALUKDAR'S WAYWARDNESS

The Gohelwar District Police Chief has recently issued peremptory directions to the Kundla Taluka police officers to conduct diligent inquires into the alleged molestation of females at Fifad by the Talukdar of Fifad.

BANDITRY SMASH-UP IN SAURASHTRA

The gang of dacoits led by Yakoob alias Abdullah of Dedan has recently been rounded up by the Saurashtra police. Fearing lest they might be trapped in their hide-out on the Salemar hill by the Gurkhas on the lookout for Rahimtullah and his gang. Abdullah Devayat and Amarbharthi sallied out of their ambush with the result that Abdullah and Devayat were run to the earth at Ranpur and Amarbharthi at Dadwa.

Abdullah's gang was responsible for high crimes and misdemeanours at Dedan, Kundla, Lilia, Ranpur, Chotila and Paliad.

Stop Press

NEW YORK TO INDIA THROUGH MILAN?

MILAN, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): Senior officials of the American Transworld Airline (TWA) from New York, Paris and Rome, were meeting in Milan today to investigate the possibility of a service from New York to India through Milan.

It would be the first direct air link between Milan and the United States.

SIX GERMANS HANGED

LANDSBERG, Feb. 2 (PTI—Reuter)—Six Germans found guilty by American military courts of the murder and maltreatment of allied airmen and concentration camp inmates were hanged here this morning.

INTERNATIONAL BANK MISSION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (API)—Industrial units, including jute mills and iron and steel works, multi-purpose river projects and ports will be included in the itinerary of the International Bank Mission which is now in India, it is learnt.

The Mission will leave for Calcutta tomorrow.

S. AFRICAN PROBABLES FOR FOURTH TEST

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 2, (PTI-Reuter):— The following 13 cricketers have been requested to assemble at Johannesburg on Feb. 9 and the South African Test Team to meet England here in the Fourth Test match starting on Feb. 12 will be selected from among them:

D. Begbie, O. Dawson, T. A. Harris, N. B. F. Mann, L. Markham, C. MacCarthy, B. Mitchell, A. D. Nourse, Eric Rowan, Athol Rowan, Ian Smith, L. Tuckett and W. W. Wade.

Two other players, K. Viljoen and George Fullerton have been invited to practise at the nets.

CURFEW EXTENDED IN HYDERABAD

Six Arrested In Round Up Of Communists In Border Areas

HYDERABAD, Feb. 2 (A.P.I.): The curfew which was clamped down on the city of Hyderabad following the disturbances of Jan. 30 has been extended for three days upto the night of Feb. 4. The curfew hours will be from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. from today.

The assembly of five or more persons at public places and carrying of arms and weapons have also been prohibited upto Feb. 5.

7,500 STRIKERS RESUME ON BAKHLE'S ASSURANCE

About 7,500 workers in twelve factories who were on strike since Jan. 31 resumed work today on an assurance from Mr. D. S. Bakhle, Chief Civil Administrator, that their dispute with their respective managements would be referred to the Reconciliation Board whose award would be binding on both labour and managements.

The remaining 500 workers belonging to six factories in Secunderabad and Murshidabad industrial area of Hyderabad—have not resumed work. Their cases cannot also be considered by the Conciliation Board under the Trade Disputes Act provisions in view of the fact that these factories employ less than 200 persons.

6 'REDS' CAPTURED AT KOHEDA

HYDERABAD, Feb. 2 (U.P.I.): It is reported from Karimnagar that the military and special armed police have been carrying out continuous and regular raids of the border areas to round up Communist outlaws. Six Communists were captured at Koheda.

A police party stationed at Samudrala arrested five other Communists. They also recovered four swords, one loaded gun and a small cash-box with Rs. 595 in it.

GRADUAL PROHIBITION IN HYDERABAD

The policy of gradual Prohibition has been accepted by the Hyderabad State Government and accordingly 10 per cent of the liquor shops and 42 percent of the toddy shops have been closed down. The number of opium and ganja shops has also been substantially reduced.

Further, the Government of Hyderabad are co-operating with the Madras Government in the implementation of the Prohibition policy in that province, and a three-mile belt in the districts of Raichur and Mahaboobnagar adjoining the districts of Bellary and Kurnool in Madras Province has been declared a "dry" area.

The Government are also considering the feasibility of taking similar steps in other two districts of Hyderabad which adjoin Madras territory, namely, Nalgonda and Warrangal.

Bill To Amend The Prisoners Act, 1900

The Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Labour Bill says:

Bombay Act No. XXXII of 1948 amending the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, in its application to the Province of Bombay, conferred upon the Court of Sessions for Greater Bombay, practically the same powers as the High Court in its original criminal jurisdiction exercises. With the establishment of the Court of Session for Greater Bombay it has been found necessary to give the same powers to the Court of Session for Greater Bombay which the High Court in its original criminal jurisdiction exercises in regard to the prisoners in the Presidency-towns. In orer to achieve this object it is expedient to make certain consequential amendments in Part III of the Prisoners Act, 1900, in its application to the Province of Bombay.

Sections 7 and 8 of the Prisoners Act prorvide for the delivery of persons sentenced to imprisonment or death and transportation or penal servitude by the High Court in its original criminal jurisdiction only. In appeals against the order of acquittal passed by the Court of Session for Greater Bombay, the High Court in its appellate criminal jurisdiction may have to pass sentences and the amendments proposed in both these sections are, therefore, necessary.

Amendment of section 9 is necessary in view of the establishment of the Bombay City Civil Court.

Party To Indian Chamber's Retiring Chief

BOMBAY, Wednesday

Over two hundred city businessmen and citizens, including Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister of Bombay, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Mr. Nathalal Parekh, Secretary of the Congress Municipal Party, Mr. Ganpatishaker Desai, Chairman of the Municipal Standing Committee, Sir Vithal Chandavarker, Chairman of the Millowners' Association, attended a reception accorded in honour of Mr. Ramdas Kilachand, retiring President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, by Mr. Chandulal Kasturchand this evening at the Governor's Pavilion, Cricket Club of India.

Appreciating the services rendered by Mr. Ramdas Kilachand to the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Mr. Munshi told the gathering of businessmen that they had ceased to be "middlemen and brokers of the British" today. He appealed to them to canalise their efforts and enterprise in the interest of the country.

Mr. Chandulal Kasturchand paid warm tributes to the services of Mr. Ramdas Kilachand.

Making a suitable reply, Mr. Ramdas referred to the famine of the Gujerat and appealed to businessmen to contribute liberally to the Gujerat Relief Fund.

ROME, Feb. 2. (U.P.I.): A 30-man Italian Trade Mission, headed by Signor Epicarmo Corbino, will arrive in Pakistan in February 5 for discussions with commercial firms with a view to establishing economic collaboration between Italy and Pakistan.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. P. Agarwala.

Mr. D. V. Vyas, Mr. A. S. deMello and Mr. E. K. Kotwal came to lunch.

Mr. Salebhoy Barodawalla and his son came to tea.

The Governor of Bombay presided at a lecture by General Albert W. T. Orsborn at the Bai Sunderbai Hall where he was received by Lieut.-Commissioner and Mrs. H. Hodgson.

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TWO MADRAS MINISTERS

MADRAS, Feb. 2 (API): Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Public Works and Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, Finance Minister, Madras, who were to have left for Rangoon as members of the Indian Delegation to Burma, returned to Madras by air from Delhi today.

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L. M. PATIL

Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Reconstruction, will leave Bombay for Poona on Saturday, February 5.

In Poona, the Minister will preside over the demonstration of Kalapathak at the Police Headquarters on Saturday and over the function to be organised by the City Prohibition Committee the next day at 3-30 p.m. at Shivaji Akhada.

Mr. Patil will return to Bombay on Monday, February 7.

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DINKARRAO DESAI

Mr. Dinkarrao N. Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies, will leave Bombay for Viramgam on Friday, February 4, by Saurashtra Mail, on a tour of Ahmedabad district and Radhanpur and return to Bombay on Tuesday, February 8, by Gujarat Mail.

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NANDA FOR NASIK

Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda will be visiting Nasik on February 12 to look into the grievance of 7,000 "bidi" workers who have demanded increase in rates and other amenities.

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SAMALDAS GANDHI

RAJKOT, Feb. 2 (API): Mr. Samaldas Gandhi, took his office as Revenue Minister of Saurashtra today. He arrived from Jamnagar this morning.

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KABUL EDITOR IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2 (API): Mr. Mohammad Hashimmaiwandwal, editor, daily "Anis" of Kabul (Afghanistan), who is on a visit to India at the invitation of the Government of India will arrive in Calcutta on February 4. During his brief stay in Calcutta, he will visit the Sodepur Ashram, Calcutta University, the Indian Museum and other education and cultural institutions. He is expected to visit Santiniketan also.

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DR. BOSE APPOINTED PRINCIPAL

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2 (API)—Dr. Anath Bose of Calcutta University (department of teachers training) has, it is learnt, been appointed principal of the Central Institute of Education, recently opened in Delhi by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Minister for Education, Government of India.

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HABIBULLAH BAHAR

DACCA, Feb. 2 (API): Mr. Habibullah Bahar, Minister for Health and Local Self-Government is leaving tomorrow for Cairo as alternate leader of the Pakistan Delegation to the World Health Conference, commencing on February 7.

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BOMBAY, Feb. 2 (API): Mr. Kasturi Srinivasan, Chairman of the Press Trust of India Ltd., Mr. Devdas Gandhi, Mr. C. R. Srinivasan and Mr. W. J. T. Walker, Directors of the Board of the Press Trust of India Ltd., arrived here today in connection with a meeting of the Press Trust of India Board to be held tomorrow. Mr. Ramnath Goenka, another Director of the Press Trust of India Board arrived here yesterday from Madras. Other Directors are expected to arrive tomorrow.

INDO-IRAQ TRADE TALKS AT DELHI

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (API): Talks between the Government of India and the Iraq Trade Delegation began today. Various Ministries, including the Finance, Commerce and Works, Mines and Power were represented.

A Committee was appointed to examine, among other things the question of the import of dates from Iraq.

Admissions To Dehra Dun Academy

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (API): The last date for the receipt of applications at sub-area headquarters for admission to the Seventh Military wing course of the armed forces academy, Dehra Dun, to be held in July next, for the grant of regular commissions has been extended to February 15, 1949, announces a Ministry of Defence Press Note.

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The retail of wheat-flour has been fixed at Re. 0-3-6 instead of Re. 0-3-5 as announced previously.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

MODERATE BUYING AND COVERING IN TATA STEELS

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

The local Share Bazar opened quiet but timely appearance of buying support attracted short covering which resulted in a small recovery. The opening losses were wiped out and the market was steady It appears that the General sentiment remains moderately bearish and there is utter absence of any investment support. The Bill to limit dividends is likely to dry up investment demand when in trade channels, the rate of interest is quoted higher.

Large holding of Tata Steel Defds. by a syndicate is the main source of steadiness otherwise the general outlook is not encouraging. There is more disposition to await Provincial and Central Budgets.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened today at Rs. 1597-8 against last closing at Rs. 1605 and steadily improved at Rs. 1615 and steadied at Rs. 1612 8 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 286 and after improving at Rs. 288-8 steadied at Rs. 287 8. It is said that there exists a large straddle business against purchases of Dfds., Ordinary Shares are sold in which the Syndicate has very little interest.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 960 and after improving at Rs. 965 steadied at Rs. 963/12.

Later on there was moderate buying and Tata Steel Defds improved at Rs. 1620 while Ordinary shares were placed at Rs. 289. Bombay Dyeings were done at Rs. 967-8 and Central India shares were quoted at Rs. 237. Kohinoors were done at Rs. 276-4 and Simplex shares changed hands at Rs. 176. Swadeshi shares were quoted at Rs. 276-4. Associated Cements improved at Rs. 158-12. Bellapurs stood at Rs. 225 and Bombay Burmas were quoted at Rs. 280. Scindia shares rallied at Rs. 20-1. New Indias came in business at Rs. 60 while Central Bank shares were steady at Rs. 90. Closing tone of the market was steady.

There being no prospect for nationalisation of the Imperial Bank there was active buying which resulted in a sharp rise in shares.

FORWARD SECTION

Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	968 2
Kohinoor Mills (6)	276 4
Swadeshi Mills (22)	276 0
Central India Mills (4)	239 0
Simplex Mills (8)	176 0
New Great Eastern (10)	158 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	173 12
Gokak Mills (20)	276 0
Century-Spinning (15)	230 0
Colaba (12)	149 0
India Bleaching (6)	153 0
Swan Mills (20)	309 8
Finlay Mills (15)	271 0
Morarji Goculdas XD	470 0
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	340 0
Meyer (12) XD	115 0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15
India United Ord. (0-12-0)	11 1
India United Defd (0-1-6)	1 9
Madhusudan Mills (15)	182 8
Podar (8)	145 0
Khatau Makanji (8)	205 0
Indore Coupon	82 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	289 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1620 0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	137 8
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (5)	158 8
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8) XD	285 0
Bellapur Sugar (9) XD	226 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	28 0
Scindia Steam (1-4)	20 1
Premier Construction	129 8
Tata Chemical	12 12
Tata Oil (2)	64 0
Indian Iron (0-12) XD	22 2
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	19 15
British India Corp. 0-10)	7 15
1 Copper	2 3
Wimco XR	183 12
Alcock	269 6
Belapur Coupon	59 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	67 0
Phoenix Mills (50) XR	220 0
Indian Manufacturing XD	430 0
Kooria Mills (5)	131 4
David Mills (6)	191 6
New City Mills (10)	181 4
Minerva Mills (12)	121 4
Bradbury Mills (12)	587 8 0
Bharucha Defd (0-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (2)	31 0
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 8
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	15 0
Model Mills (12-8) XD	176 4
Lakshmi Cotton (25) XD	612 8
Vishnu Cotton (8) XD	215 0
Western India (40) XD	4070 0
Standard Mills (15)	245 3
Sholapur Mills (200)	3500 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9 8
Hindustan Mills (40)	6225 0
Tata Mills (3)	57 4
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	270 0
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 3
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 6
New Union Mills (0-8)	13 1
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	175 3
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	100 0
Berar Mills	280 9
Victoria Mills	250 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great New	142 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (4-4-0)	154 0
Andhra Valley (45)	1412 8
Tata Power (50)	1510 0
Ahmedabad Electric (1-)	119 6
Ahmedabad New	12 14
Surat Electricity (2-8)	142 5
Karachi Electric (2)	127 8
Broach (0-5)	10 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 7
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 8
Poona Electric Supply (S)	150 0
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	142 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (25) XD	1905 0
Imperial Bank of India (8-12) XD	471 4
Central Bank Old (1-8)	90 4
Central Bank New (1-8)	86 8
Bank of India (4) X R	200 0
Union Bank of India (0-5)	7 12
Bank of Baroda (2-8)	139 0
Habib Bank (4)	158 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial (1-8)	58 12
Hindustan Commercial	48 12
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 4
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	29 8
Eastern Bank (0-14-8)	105 3
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) XD	4100 0
Empire (10)	672 4
New India (1-8)	60 3
Jupiter (1-4)	21 3
Vulcum (0-10)	11 11
Indian Mercantile (2)	39 8
Universal (0-4)	11 6
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	141 4
B.I.G. (1)	18 1
Industrial and Prudential	29 6
Neptune Assurance	5 8
New Great	28 0
All-India General	17 4
RAILWAY SHARES	
Central Provinces (1-14)	114 0
Vichora Jamner Rly (2-8)	120 0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (10)	360 0
Bombay Burma New (5)	101 14
Burma Petrol	1 5
Mackenzie (8)	90 0
Port Canning (3)	66 0
Kemp and Co (20)	642 4
Kemp and Co. (New)	462 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 8
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	89 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	35 0
Mukund Iron	19 8
Dena Trust (0-12)	21 8
Alembic (15)	203 12
Associated Cement New (1-4)	149 0
Supreme India XR	123 12
Jam Wire (6)	67 8
Bombay Uganda	69 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	34 0
Indian Cement (1937)	25 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	145 0
United Motor	74. 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	1002 8
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	750 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	61 0
Prince of Wales Press	610 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	181 4
Andhra Valley (7)	1247 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1270 0
Hydro Electric (7)	122 8
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 12
Central India (5)	632 8
Swadeshi Mills	128 12
Vishnu Mills (7)	633 12
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	116 4
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	136 4
Premier Construction 1st (6 1/4)	120 0
Amalgamated (5-8)	122 2
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	116 4
Habib	77 0
Tata Chemical (5)	132 8
Walchand Nagar Ltds (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 8
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	104 0
Morarji	104 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106 0
Tata Power 1961	103 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 13
New Victoria Mill	2 8
New Victoria Pref	5 0
Phalton Sugar (8)	125 8
Gold Mohur (20)	280 0
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Saijan Mills (20)	150 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	300 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	340 0
Air Service XR	7 8
Ambica Air XR	5 0
Air India (100)	95 0
Hind Motor	4 13
Indian Steam	8 2

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

2 1/4 per cent 1954	98 8
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100 6
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99 12
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97 1
2 3/4 per cent 1960	97 1
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 2
2 3/4 per cent 1976	98 0
3 per cent Non-Terminable	99 2
3 per cent 1988 Con.	98 12
3 per cent 1942-52	100 10
3 per cent 1953-55	101 7
3 per cent 1957	101 4
3 per cent 1959-61	100 14
3 per cent 1963-65	99 14
3 per cent 1966-68	98 13
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104 10
4 per cent 1960-70	110 10
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	112 0
4 1/2 per cent 1963-58	115 4
PROVINCIAL LOANS	
2 3/4 per cent U P 1961	98 2
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	98 2
3 per cent Punjab 1948	98 14
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 12
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 12
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 4
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100 4
3 per cent C P 1955	100 8
3 per cent N W P 1965	99 10
3 per cent U P 1961-66	100 0
3 per cent Bombay Munics guilty D.	111 3
5 per cent Bom. Muni 1959	114 8
6 per cent Bom. Muni 1954	114 8
6 K. P. L.	114 8

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

The cotton market was steady today with routine business. At the opening May delivery was quoted at Rs. 618/8 and advanced at Rs. 619 under moderate short covering.

Later on the market was dull. February was privately quoted at Rs. 624-8. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. February	620 0 0
I.C.C. May	618 10 0
I.C.C. July	617 4 0
I.C.C. September	616 4 0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Feb. 1.

May highest 619 lowest 618 1/2 closing 618 3/4

July highest 617 1/2 lowest 617 closing 617 1/4

September highest 617 lowest 616 1/4 closing 616 1/4

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May Contract is 856 cent points below New York May at exchange rate 331.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

BOMBAY, Feb. 1.

	1948-49 Bales.
Receipts (By Rail & Sea) 28th Jan. to 31st Jan.	26968
Receipts (By Rail & Sea) 1st Sept. to 31st Jan.	549354
Shipments 28th to 31st Jan.	
United Kingdom	800
Continent	7759
Coast Ports	2218
Total	10777
Shipments 1st Sept. to 31st Jan.	
United Kingdom	8396
Continent	76809
China	10301
Japan	1344
U.S.A.	8621
Other Foreign Countries	2994
Total all Foreign Countries	108465
Coast Ports	101250
Total	209715
Transhipment in Bombay Harbour during the month of December	
Total	—
1st Sept. to 31st Dec.	
Total	18

STATEMENT OF COTTON PRESSED

BOMBAY, Feb. 1.

	1st Sept. to 31st Jan. 1948-49	14th Jan. 1947148
Madras	24198	125328
Bombay	77495	77067
West Bengal	403	2512
East Punjab	15941	9896
Central Provinces	30730	58712
Berar	110661	252077
Ajmer/Merwara	10357	4147
Assam (a)	1112	159
Baroda State	16417	....
Hyderabad State (b)	57548	90625
Mewar State (c)	4517	....
Mysore State (d)	4464	5248
Minor Cotton Growing States	141	155
Total	353984	625926

TATA IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION

Messrs Tata Industries Ltd., Managing Agents for the Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., report that the total approximate production of Iron and Steel at the Steel Works at Jamshedpur during the month of January, 1949, was:—

	Tons.
Pig Iron	62,100
Steel Ingots	67,700
FINISHED STEEL:	
Semis for sale	9,100
Finished	46,100
Total	55,200

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, Feb 2.

Tata Ordinary 289/8; Tata Deferred 1620; Indian Iron 22/2; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 19/15; Bombay Dyeing 968/2; Central India 239/6; Gokak 276/14; Kohinoor 276/4; Simplex 176; Swadeshi 276/4; Tata Power 1510; Associated Cement 158/12; Belapur 226/4; Bombay Burma (Old) 285; Scindia 20/1; Central Bank 90/4; New India 60; Tata 2nd Pref. 137/8.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

The Bullion Market was quietly steady today with restricted business. It seems that the demand is now satisfied and the upward trend is arrested for the time being.

Later on there was improved demand and the market closed as under:—

Ready Silver	187 0 0
Ready Gold	117 15 0
Sovereigns	75 4 0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

The produce market was steady today. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 133/6 and after declining at Rs. 133/5 advanced at Rs. 133/13 and steadied at Rs. 133/11.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—	
Khandesh quality	35 6 0
Coromandal	34 14 0
Bold ready	34 4 0
Bold Feb-March	34 6 0
CASTORSEEDS—	
May delivery	133 9 0
Ready	26 13 0
LINSEEDS—	
Ready	23 8 0
Feb-March	26 11 0
April-May	26 12 0
GROUNDNUT OILS—	
Ready Receipts	19 14 0
February	19 13 6
March	19 14 6
April	20 0 0
Linseed oil	16 12 0
Castorseed oil first pressing	19 0 0
Castorseed oil Commercial quality	17 8 0
Gingellyseed	225 to 230

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BOMBAY, Feb 2.

	Pies.
45X11 per yd. Ready	107-1/2
Jan.-March dely.	107-1/2
April-June dely.	107
D. W. 40X28 BAGS.	
Ready	123 0 0
Jan.-March	115 0 0
April-June	112 0 0

Seeds Prices

BOMBAY, Feb 2.

Kardi	23 12 0
Khursani	31 0 0
Mahura	28 0 0
Cottonseed Berar	24 0 0
Cottonseed Moglai	23 6 0
Cottonseed Moglai Old	22 6 0
Tilseed White	240 to 260
Tilseed usual quality	220 to 230

Italian Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

150 D. Feb	3 5 6
150 D. March (200 lbs. Box)	665 0 0
120 D. Ready	3 8 6
150 D. Ready	3 5 6

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, February 1.

U. S. price of foreign silerv 70 cents.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

MILLS

Ahmedabad Advance 270
Apollo 2-15
B. Dyeing 962-8, 61-4, 66-4, 63-12, 68-2
C. India 236, 39, 38-8, 39
Century 226-14, 30
Colaba 149
Elphinstone Ord. 65
Elphinstone Pref 116-4
Finlay 270, 71
Gokak 267, 65, 77, 75, 76
I. U. Defd 1-9
I. U. Ord. 11-1, 11, 11-1
Indore 171-4, 73-12
Khatau 205
Kohinoor 274, 75, 73-12, 75-8, 74-8, 76-4
Madhusudan 182-8
Model 176-4
New Great 156-8, 58
Podar 145, 42-8, 45
Simplex 174, 75, 74-8, 76-8, 76
Swadeshi 275, 74, 75-12, 74-8, 76-8, 76
Tata Mills 58, 57-4
C. P Rly. 114

STEAMER

B. Steam 360
Scindia 19-9, 19-14, 19-13, 20 19-15, 20-1

BANKS

Baroda 138, 39
Central 90, 90-8, 90, 90-4
Central A New 86-8
Imperial Old 1830, 45, 25 1908
Imperial New 455, 71-4
India 197, 200
Union 7-12
U. Commercial 58-12

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 119-6
Andhravalley 1412-8
Suburban 141-14 42-8
Hydro 154-4, 54
Hydro Pref 122-8
Power 1507-8, 15, 10

INSURANCE

New India 60, 60-4
Vulcan 11-11

STEEL

B. Steel 19-14, 19-13, 20, 19-15
I. Iron 21-11, 21-15-6, 21-14; 22-2
Tata Defd 1600, 1595, 1612-8, 3-12, 20, 17-8, 20
Tata Ord. 286, 85-8, 88-12, 87, 89, 88-8, 89-8
Tata 1st Pref 181-4
Tata 2nd Pref 137, 37-8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 271-4, 69-6
A. C. C. Old 156-4, 56, 58-4, 58, 58-8
A. C. C. New 148, 49
Belapur Coupon 224, 27, 26
B. B. Old 280, 86-4, 85
B. B. New '01-4, 1-14
B. B. Petrol 1-4-3, 1-5
B. I. C. 7-15
Dharamshey 36-4, 36-8
I. Copper 2-3
I. I. Trust 9-8
P. Const. 125, 27-8, 26-8, 29-8
Shivrajpur 27, 28
Tata Chem. 12-11, 12-12, 12-11
Tata Oil 63-8, 63-4, 64-8, 64
Wimco 183-12
Port Canning 65, 66

SPECIAL

Indore Coupon 83, 82
Belapur Coupon 57-8, 59
Ahmedabad Elec. New 12-12.

DECREASE OF RS. 28 & HALF CRORES IN NOTES CIRCULATION

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank for the week ended Jan. 28 showes a big drop of Rs. 28-1/2 crores in Notes in circulation. Details are as under:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Notes held in the banking Department	20,88,45,000
Notes in circulation	1173,06,85,000
Total Notes issued	1193,95,30,000
Total Liabilities	1193,95,30,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,55,21,000
Foreign Securities	752,51,43,000
Rupee Coin	44,11,76,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	356,76,90,000
Total Assets	1193,95,30,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 66.424 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	215,95,15,000
(2) Other Governments	11,88,17,000
(b) Banks	62,56,98,000
(c) Others	61,08,36,000
Bills Payable	5,08,50,000
Other Liabilities	9,26,12,000
Total Rs.	375,83,28,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Notes	20,88,45,000
Rupee Coin	12,59,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,84,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	48,33,000
Gobernment Treasury Bills	9,41,91,000
Balances held abroad	235,76,16,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	4,71,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	4,48,91,000
Investements	96,72,51,000
Other Assets	3,31,58,000
Total Rs.	375,83,28,000

Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, Feb 2.

Inferior Quality	86 0 0
Medium Size	90 0 0
Big Size	93 0 0
March dely.	31 1 0
May dely.	31 5 0
Jan. dely.	28 6 0
Arrivals Bags	2680

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Feb 2.

Maha dely. (per cwt.)	188 to 190
Fagan dely.	960 to 970

COMMISSION HOUSE LIQUIDATION DEPRESSES N. Y. COTTON PRICES

Wall Street Firm But Operators Cautious

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (PTI-Reuter).—After opening irregularities on trade buying and scattered hedges, prices sagged slightly due to dribbling nedges and some profit-taking, then prices steadied on trade absorption. Washington and export uncertainties continue to restrict trading. In the afternoon, prices sagged under the leadership of newcrops on commission house liquidation and selling by earlier buyers in sympathy with grains and possibly technical considerations with hedges supplying routine trade demands for nearbys. The market closed barely steady with sales estimated at 105,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.

March	32.63—07
March Highest	32.72+02
March Lowest	32.62—08
May	32.41—10
July	31.40—04
October	28.80—12
December	28.55—14
Middling spot,	33.63—07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.

March	32.62—06
May	32.39—06
July	31.38—05
October	28.77—11
Mid. spot,	32.65—05

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Feb. 1

KARNAK—	
March	69.45—35
May	85.75+10
ASHMOUNI—	
February	53.80+15
April	54.40+15

WALL STREET MARKET

The market is still cautious as prices fluctuated narrowly in slow trade. Changes either way rarely reached one dollar with the balance slightly higher. The Treasury Secretary's prediction of continued prosperity and "great opportunities for business in the years immediately ahead" were noted but little affecting. The averages were industrials 179.48 and rails 52.67.

In the afternoon industrials averaged slightly higher as interest in group leaders improved slightly but other sections were little changed from noon's. Traders are more concerned with deflationary influences on domestic economy than the apparent Russian peace offensive but there is little evident presently to change the situation in securities. Interest in industrials later spread to some other groups and gains of fractions to one dollar or more predominated The market closed firm.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

American Telephone & Telegraph 147-7/8, Amerex Holding Co. 25, Anaconda Copper Mining 34-1/8, Chase National Bank 35 Sinclair Oil 21-5/8, Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. 49-3/8. General Electric Co. 38-1/2, General Motor 61-3/4, Ingersol Rand 61-3/4, International Nickel 30-3/8. National City Bank of New York 39-1/4, New York Central Rail Road Co. 12-1/8. Socony Vacuum Corporation 16-7/8, Texas Corporation 52-1/8, Union Carbide 39-5/8, U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co. 42, U. S. Steel Corporation Common 77-3/8, Western Union Telegraph 15-1/4.

CHICAGO GRAINS

GRAINS: Prices were weak under the leadership of maize and soyabeans reflecting active commission house liquidation due to the Department of Agriculture announcement that there will be no federal restrictions on planting or marketing of next autumn's maize crop as well as record breaking stocks of soyabeans on and off farms.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.

May	2.17-1/2
July	2.02-1/4
September	2.02-5/8
December	2.04-5/8

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

S. S. STRATHAIRD

From Melbourne: 777 boxes Fresh Butter

S. S. VARSOVA

From Karachi: 6011 b/s raw cotton 1241 bags gowar 204 bags comminseeds.

S. S. CARTHAGE

From London: 74 c/s cheese.
From Southampton: 345 c/s photographic films and materials.

S. S. DARA

From Khoramshar: 236 c/s Magay 734 bgs almonds 83 bgs gall nuts.
From Basrah: 10220 bkts w. dates.
From Kowait: 54 bdls wool.

S. S. TAMINIA

From Trieste: 246 rolls wire netting 100 c/s iron cabins 44 b/s poster paper 61 bdls news printing paper.
From Leghorn: 50 c/s travelling rugs 286 c/s nickel silver circles 249 c/s brass sheeting 232 c/s brass rods 80 c/s copper stripe 100 bags Boric acid powder 710 bags marbles 15420 marble tiles 42 bdls rugs 250 flasks quick silver.
From Genao: 910 c/s artificial silk yarn 108 c/s hemp fishing twine 100 c/s ships chains 25 c/s cotton P. goods 20 c/s art silk P. goods 80 b/s cotton yarn 104 c/s type writer 147 c/s cycle spokes 50 c/s rayon yarn production.
From Naples:— 25 cts. Tomato sauce; 80 cts. almond seeds; 300 bags almonds; 76 cts. castagne.
From Bari:— 2350 bags shelled almonds.
From Port Said:— 1904 bags gum talha; 300 bags fum Arabic.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

s. s. MARTIN CARL

To Karachi:— 318 cts. hair oil—The Tata Oil Mills Co. Ltd.

s. s. ARENDA

To Mombasa:— 22 cts. C. P. Goods—Patel and Company; 10 bls. C. P. Goods—Misc Shippers; 25 bls. C. P. Goods—S. Haribhai and Co.; 20 cts. Glassware—J. Hemchand and Co., 30 bags cumin seeds—J. Himatlal and Co.

s. s. CALRINE

To St. John (N.B.) 53 cls. woollen carpets— East India Carpet Co. Ltd.

s. s. DARA

To Khoramshar:— 34 bls. C. P. Goods:— D. H. Nasir and Co.
To Kowait:— 10 cts. glass globes—A. Mahomed; 8 cts. Mirrors—J. A. Mandil; 31 bdls. C. P. Goods—Misc. Shippers.
To Rastamra:— 9 bdls. woollen carpets — Caltex (India) Ltd

s. s. TRENINCE

To Penang:— 11 bags turmeric—M. A. Bedali; 20 bags Fennel seeds—M. A. Bedali; 11 bags Fenygreek seeds— M. A. Bedali; 30 bags cumin seeds—J. Himatlal and Co.

SS FLYING ARROW

To Philadelphia—44 b|s salted goat skins—D. S. Narang Ltd.
To New York—435 bags Gum Karaya—Mephani Bros, 75 bags c. waste—G. M. Vyas and Co.
To Aden—5 c|s cotton Hosiery—B. Kamrudin, 10 c|s Glassware—Mohanmi Glassware, 22 bkts. Glass Bangles—A.M. Patel.

SS ARNA

To Port Said—28 b|s c.p. goods.—Textile Export Ltd..
To Genoa—1320 bags G. Nut kernels—Khainey (Ind) Ltd.
To Copenhagen—106 b|s c. caste—C. Rasiklal and Co. 100 b|s c. waste—Volkart Bros.
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SS VARSOVA

To Karachi—407 c|s cigarettes—Imperial Tobacco Co. 100 boras c. waste —Indo-Ceylon Trading of Syndicate.

SS BHADRAWATI

To Karachi—28 bdls. Copper utensils—M. Fazalbhoy, 70 b|s cotton yarn —Misc. Shippers. 220 c|s cigarettes—Imperial Tobacco Co. 324 b|s. cotton p. goods—Afghan National Bank (Ind.) Ltd.

SS KARANJIA

To Mombasa—11 b|s c.p. goods—I. Premsing and Sons.

S.S. ARINDEKERK

To Sydney: 128 bags Myrabollams—H. Raghavji and Co. 128 bags Myrabollams—R. Mansukial and Co., 483 lbs. C. Waste—M. Chandulal and Co.
To Brisbane: 128 bags Myrabollams—K. Tricamji, 256 bags Myrabollams—H. Raghavji.
To Melbourne: 128 bags Myrabollams—K. Tricamji, 226 C. Waste—M. Chandulal and Co.

BY AIR

To Karachi: 38 pcts. Art Silk P. Goods—Misc. Shippers, 1050 bkts. Betel leaves—A. M. A. Majid, 440 bkts. Betel leaves—M. Balm and Co., 100 bkts. Sweet Lemon—M. Mahamed.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAY. Feb. 2.

ARRIVALS

"TIMANO" from Trieste on February 2 with 976 tons general cargo, agents: Volkarts.
"K. C. ROGENAES" from Japan on Feb. 2 with general cargo; agents: United Liners.
"HEATHER" from Calicut on Feb. 2 with 350 tons general cargo.
"CATRINE" from Calcutta on Feb. 2 with 4,990 tons general cargo; agents: Forbes Forbes.

DEPARTURES

"JALARATNA" for Rangoon on Feb. 1 in ballast.
"FILADELFOS" for Cochin on Feb. 1 with 250 tons cotton.
"HOEGH MERCHANT" for Vancouver on Feb. 1 with general cargo.
"LORLAGO" for Norfolk on Feb. 1 with 5,360 tons manganese.

We give below the latest information regarding vessels due to arrive at and sail from Bombay under the agency of Messrs. Volkart Brothers:—

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY:

From U.S.A. Pacific Coast: S.S. "SARANGAN" Due 8th Feb. S. S. "MANX FISHER" Due 19th Feb. S. S. "HOEGH SILVERCLOUD" Due 23rd Feb. S. S. "LAWAK" Due 28th Feb.
From U.S. Atlantic Coast: S. S. "TIJIPANAS" Due 1st Feb. S. S "BRITTA" Due 3rd Feb. S. S. "HOEGH SILVERSTREAM" Due 16th Feb. S.S. "RIOUW" Due 18th Feb.
From Rotterdam-Antwerp: S. S. "AMSTELVEEN" Due 10th Feb.
From Persian Gulf via Karachi: S.S. "LEMSTERKERK" Due 10th Feb. S. S. "LOMBOK" Due 16th Feb. S. S. "LOENERKERK" Due 24th Feb.
From Italy: S. S. "SPARTA" Due 23rd Feb.

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY:

For Calcutta via Colombo: S. S. "LEERSUM" Sails 4th Feb. S. S. "AMSTELVEEN" Sails 22nd Feb. S. S. "HOEGH SILVERCLOUD" Sails 2nd March S. S. "LAWAK" Sails 12th March.
For U.S. Pacific Coast: S. S. "LOMBOK" Sails 22nd Feb.
For Mediterranean and North Continental Ports: S. S. "LEMSTERKERK" Sails 12th Feb. S. S. "LOENERKERK" Sails 2nd March.
For Italy: S. S. "TAURINIA" Sails 5th Feb. S. S. "TIMAVO" Sails 8th Feb. S. S. "SPARTA" Sails 2nd March.
For Persian Gulf via Karachi: S. S. "SARANGAN" Sails 19th Feb. S. S. "HOEGH SILVERSTREAM" Sails 28th Feb.
For Marmagoa: S. S. "CHETICAMP" Sails 9th Feb.

Standardisation Of Textile Machinery

MANCHESTER, (By Cable)

Representatives of the textile industry have met in Manchester to discuss the standardisation of textile machinery, accessories and components.

The discussions took account of the work being done abroad in this field, and among the subjects put forward for immediate attention were pirns (for spinning and rewinding), ring doubling-frame bobbins, spindle sizes shuttles and shuttle boxes, loom change wheels, seed sizes and angle offset and loom widths.

Committees representing the interests concerned were set up through the facilities of the British Standards Institution to initiate and promote the work, and are already functioning with regard to the first three items. Committees for the other items are in the course of being formed.

Although the implemention of standards produced will be a long-term policy, it was agreed that they should be adopted as soon as possible since the resulting increase in efficiency in mill operation would be reflected by increased production and lower overhead charges.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Prices Held Firm

LONDON, Feb. 1. (Reuter).—With today the last day of the account, business was at a low ebb in the London Stock Exchange. Prices, nevertheless held firm and showed one or two bright features.

Foreign utilities were to the fore with useful gains among Argentine and Uruguay issues. Anglo-Argentine tramway stocks received a small support and recorded gains up to one point.

Small routine buying of British Government stocks produced gains of one-eighth in long dated but shorts were occasionally easier.

Movements in industrials were few and far between but hardness developed in Tobaccos and Breweries. Iron and steel shares generally lost a few Pence through irregularity. Small selling depressed oil share prices. Losses however were small and it was confined to traders. Ultrampers were an exception and responded to free inquiry with small advances.

South African minings were selectively firmer on local support although best levels were not always held.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 1.

White Muntok was quoted at SSdol 212 per picul of 133.3 lbs. f.o.b. and black lampong at SSdol. 176.

Dealers reported small business for loose quantities.

NEW YORK, Feb 1.

The following were prices of seeds on the New York Market today:—

Castorseeds dol. 125 asked per ton f.o.b. Brazilian ports.

Cottonseeds dol. 60 nom. per ton Memphis basis.

Linseed dol 6 per bushel. Minneapolis.

Linseed Oil 27.6 cents per pound

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, February 1.

Silver spot and forward 42-1/2d.
Gold bars fine per oz. £8/12/3.

LONDON WHEAT

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET AND INACTIVE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2.

The stock exchange ruled quiet and inactive today and only a limited business resulted. Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government Paper 98/12 small Lot. Three per cent India Government Loan 1986 98 15. Three per cent Victory Bonds 1957 101/4 Small Lot. Four per cent India Government Loan 1960/70 110/9 Small Lot.

BANKS: Bharat Bank Preference 72

COTTONS: Elgin Mills 16 12, New Victoria Mills Preference 8/1.

COALS: Burrakur 11/14 Ex Rights. South Karanpura 25/13 Ex. Div. Talcher 8/12, West Jamuria 27 14.

MININGS: Burma Corp. 2 10, Consolidated Tin -/15/-, Indian Copper Corp. 2/1, Karanpura Development 23 8, Tavoy Tin -/10/-.

ENGINEERINGS: British India Electric Construction 10/12 CT, Steel Corp. of Bengal Pref. 125, Textile Machinery 7/1

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 5/11, Dalmia Cement Dids. -/15/-, Sone Valley Cement 6, Alkali and Chemical Corp. 12/1, Balmer Lawrie 330 CT, British India Corp. 7/13, Indian Wood Products 30 8, Jardine Henderson 160 8, B B. Petrol 3 3, India paper Pulp 136, Orient Paper 20, Star Paper 5/3, Shree Gopal Paper 10/6, Assam Saw Mills 6 12, India Steamship 8, Port Shipping 14/6, Carew and Co. 8.

TEA SHARES: Burma Jan 11 8, Leesah 8, New Chumta 26/12 CT, Sarugaon 30

QUIET CONDITIONS ON MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, Feb. 2.

Quiet conditions prevailed on the Madras Market today with good support for Imperial Bank both issues, Ind an Banks however had sellers at quoted rates. Deccan Sugars Rs. 25 paid met with business at Rs. 38, 8. Plantings showed better turnover. Textiles were quiet. In the miscellaneous section Facts were done at Rs. 4 12 with sellers at the close. Mettur Chemicals were lower at Rs. 8. Other scrips showed no change. Market closed quietly steady.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Market:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Government of India Loans Three per cent Paper 98/14. Do. Three per cent 1953/58 101/7. Do. 1986 98/12. Do. 1970/75 100. Government of Travancore Loan 1952/54 102/6. Government of Madras Loan 1960 100 9.

BANKS: Travancore 18/14.

PLANTINGS: Bhimad.es 1 4, Blue Mountain 2/7, Chembra 4/8, Cochin Malabar 4, Devashola 18/2, Midland 5 6, Nellampathy 1/5, Ouchtedony 5/8, Pullarigode 1/1, Thirumbadi 2 6, T. R. and T. Co. 6 4, Va.kundam 7/2.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 164, Cambodia 9, Coimbatore 1 CM 108, Do. Pioneer 110, Sps. 45, Lakshmi 64, Madura 44/12, Mettur 305, Radhakrishna 136 8 Rajalakshmi 58/8 Ranga Vilas 44, Trav Rayons 4/12, Trichinopoly 11 8, Vasanta 102/8

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64, F. A. C. T. 4 13, India Cement 13/12, Mettur Chem. 8, Mysore Chem Fert 6/14.

STEP UP FOOD PRODUCTION

Kalianji's Address At Importers' Association

Following is the summary of the speech delivered by Mr. Kalianji C. Bhatia at the All-India Importers' Association on 1st February:

This is the fourth time in the course of the year that I am before you giving you my idea of the state of affairs prevailing in the country with regard to the import trade. The steady flow of imports that we witness now and which has tended to reduce the prices of consumer goods considerably has given blood pressure to industrialists of this Country, who now find—they cannot make huge profits as they have made in the years gone by, due to scarcity of these articles. Instead of this scarcity we witnessed in the past, we now see the economic laws of supply and demand having full play, tending towards lower prices consequent upon full supplies. The Commerce Minister, as you are all aware by this time, has definitely stated that the import trade controls are not meant to give indirect protection to industries. If some of the industries are hard hit, there is nothing to prevent them from applying to the Tariff Board for protection. Therefore, they have to look in other direction—the Tariff Board—to help them consolidate their own interests in the country.

IMPORT POLICY CRITICISED

It is, however, my duty to point out that looking to the precarious condition of our Dollar Exchange, imports from this area are still being allowed and I would, therefore, request that a total embargo on imports from the Dollar Area be placed immediately on all items except food, capital goods and chemicals necessary for our industrial purposes. It is sad to reflect that American tobacco is allowed to be imported whilst U.K. and Australia, in view of scarcity of dollars are trying to secure their requirements from India.

It cannot be denied that the feeding of the population must be the first charge upon any Government, but to continuously depend upon Foreign Countries to obtain food for the population can do credit to no country. The "Grow More Food Campaign" even under the British Rule proved a great flop and under our own Government it has proved greater. Energetic steps are necessary, therefore, towards seeing that what India requires for feeding its teeming millions, should be grown in the country itself and that everything else must be subordinated towards achieving this end in as short a period as possible.

DATES AS FOOD SUBSTITUTE

Notwithstanding the rosy picture regarding the food supply given to the general public by the Food Minister this Association had doubts about it, and as early as August 1947, it wrote to the Department of Commerce, Government of India, that the importation of dates, which served as food substitute to the poor population in the country, should be freely allowed and that the customs duty thereon be considerably lowered down if it could not altogether be done away with.

Bombay Province is facing practically a famine, which is being timely looked after, under instructions from our great leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who was goaded into taking action by his able Lt. Dr. Chandulal Desai of Broach. At such a time it is absolutely necessary that the persons responsible for the running of the Government cannot afford to waste huge revenue for their own fads. It is time the Central Government pulls them up a bit and instructs them to put their fad into cold storage until such time that the country is in a better position to stand their experiments. Really Provincial Autonomy has run riot in Bombay, for our Finance Minister seems to believe that money grows on a tree and that all you have to do, is to shake the tree and money falls down. There is a limit to taxation and further taxation will be necessary if there is no halt at this junction.

Also it must be remembered that we have got to recover Sterling debts and unless we import and make full use of the Exchange at our disposal, I fail to see how we could recover the amounts to our credit. Thus the necessity of continuous imports of consumer goods so that prices automatically go down and inflation checked.

REPRESENTATION

The recent statement by the Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust clearly shows what the importers have paid, through no fault of their own, and because the Transport Department of the Government of India was found wanting. Importers have paid over a crore of rupees in Wharfage, Demurrage and extra charge—Is it not, therefore, justified on the principle of "MAN WHO PAYS CALLS FOR THE TUNE"—to ask for suitable Representation on the Port Trust and the Import Advisory Council?

Ahmedabad Share Bazar

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb 2.

Share Market opened lower than last closing but improved on bear covering together with scattered bull support in view of approaching settlement and fear of undo budlo in Deferred. Dr. Mathai's announcement during debate about maintenance of cheap money policy had also an encouraging effect. It is also hoped that Government will remove capital gains tax with a view to reviving buying activity in investment markets Local textiles were quiet but steady. It is believed that Calico and Ambika mills balance sheets of 1948 are very satisfactory These mills made substantial profits during period when control over cloth was lifted and before control was reimposed.

Today's closing quotations: Arvind 1457; Ambika 387; Calico 1225 Atul 43. Deferred 1623; Mahalaxmi 600 New Manekchowk 215; Mafatlal Fine 1538; New Jehangir 1435; Raipur 1830; Old Commercial 645 Ashok 652-8-0; Vijay 535; Rajnagar 315.

REORGANIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Decisions Of I. C. A. R. Governing Body

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2: Several important decisions affecting the fundamental principles of agricultural research including re-organisation of research on regional basis, a comprehensive plan of crop cutting survey to estimate crop yields, model schemes of research on agronomic, varietal and manurial trials to assess optimum yields and setting up an Information Bureau in the Ministry of Agriculture to collect and disseminate information on results of research, were taken by the Governing Body of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at its two-day conference held in New Delhi on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. The meeting which was presided over by the Hon'ble Shri Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture, Government of India, was attended by the representatives of all Provinces and States including the Hon'ble Ministers from C.P., Madras, Orissa, U.P., West Bengal, Cochin, Gwalior and Hyderabad.

REGIONAL BASIS

The Governing Body also accepted the recommendations of the Advisory Board about the planning of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry research on a regional basis. Research schemes are to be classified as fundamental, regional and local. Fundamental items will be allotted, to te Central Institutes, universities regional problems to be financed on a contributory basis by the I.C.A.R. and the Province best suited to take up a particular item of research.

The Hon. Shri Jairamdas Daulatram, in course of the debate, emphasised the need for more decentralised research, otherwise he felt that there was no future for development of cereal crops in India.

CROP CUTTING SURVEY

A five-year co-ordinated scheme on crop cutting survey on principal crops, which was recommended by the Advisory Board of the Council, was unanimously approved by the Governing Body who recommended that the Government of India should be approached, to make the necessary funds available to the Council for carrying on the work.

DELHI DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Governing Body aproved of the continuance for a further period of one year, of the Delhi Development Scheme which aims at development of a compact group of villages in all aspects of agriculture and animal husbandry, as a model endeavour for other Provinces to follow, if the results are found to be satisfactory.

PUBLICITY

The Provincial Governments were asked to set up Information Bureaus to provide the necessary link with the Centre. The responsibility for bringing results of research to the farmers, it was recognised devolved on the Provinces and they were urged to strengthen their organisation to take up this work.

NEED FOR PROTECTION TO SUGAR INDUSTRY

Production Should Be Doubled

KANPUR, Feb. 2. (U.P.I.): A plea for the continuance of protection to the sugar industry was made by Prof. M. P Gandhi, speaking at the Indian Institute of Sugar Technology here today.

Tracing the history of the sugar industry, Mr. Gandhi pointed out that India was exporting sugar up to the middle of the 18th century, in addition to meeting her own requirements. Since then, the manufacture of beet sugar in Europe led to the decline of the Indian sugar industry. In 1932, however, when protection was granted own. Much improvement had yet to once again began to come into its to it by the Government of India it be effected before the industry could again compete in foreign markets Prof. Gandhi stated

Prof. Gandhi expressed the view that protection to the sugar industry had been an unqualified success in the sense that the country had been recompensed for the aid given to it. The future progress of the industry, however, could only be secured by co-ordinated development in the industry as well as in agriculture.

In regard to the consumption of sugar, Prof. Gandhi stated that even on the basis of 2 oz of sugar per day per head the production would have to be doubled. For this purpose, he strongly supported the plea made by the previous Tariff Boards for adequate grant to the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee, for purposes of research, by the Govt. of India.

CROP STATISTICS

Prof. Gandhi also stressed the necessity of improving the crop statistics as in their absence it was difficult to plan for the future development of the industry and made a fervent plea for the continuance of protection.

In conclusion, Prof. Gandhi said that the sugar industry was our second largest national industry, and saved Government foreign exhange to the extent of Rs. 15 crores per annum He therefore, urged that, in view of the fact that the fate of no less than 20 million agriculturists was closely tied to it, the industry must continue to receive the clou attention of economists as well as of Governments both in the provinces and at the Centre.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent)

HAPUR, Feb. 2.

Wheat 30/- 26 /- Gram 14/12 Barley 16/8 Bejhar 14/4 Maize 15/8; Bajra 16/- Juwar 14/8 Guwar 11/8 Matar 12/12 Arhar 13/4 Urd 18/8; Moong 20/8 Masoor 15 16 Arhar Jeth 11/12 Matar Jeth 10/12 Gur New 10/14 to 11/2 Sakkar 12 Crystal 31/8; Khandsari 19 25; Fagan Futwa 11/2 3; Baisakh 11/11; Steady. Sarson 24 Taraseed 21 19; Oil 65 Oilcake 7/14; Cottonseed 14/10; Groundnut 17/5; Oats 10/8; Sarson Jeth 21/14

Bardana Chea 101/8; April 113/8. Silver Forward Rs. 130/8; Cloid Rs. 117; Steady.

CEYLON RUBBER INDUSTRY FACING CRISIS

LONDON, Feb. 1 (PTI-Reuter).—The British Government is studying Ceylon's rubber industry—believed threatened with 2,00,000 unemployed and partial collapse unless a Government subsidy of ten cents a pound weight is forthcoming very soon—it was learned in London tonight.

The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel Baker, has had a long conversation on the subject with the High Commissioner for Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, and his Trade Commissioner, Mr. C. E. P. Jayasurya, and representatives of the British Board of Trade.

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, February 1. (U.P.A.): Black pepper futures closed inactive and unchanged on the New York Produce Exchange today.

In the outside market, strictly spot goods showed a firmer undertone with sellers holding at 64 cents per pound ex dock or warehouse. But pepper just arrived on the steamer "Exchange" and awaiting release was sold at 61 cents per pound.

White pepper was quoted at 75 cents.

In the shipment market, local sellers offered March at 53 cents ex dock with buyers' ideas around 51. May position was quoted around 50. These compare with the previous day's March quotation of 52 and 49 cents ex-dock. June bids were at 46 cents per pound but offerings were held around three cents higher.

In the spot market, black was quoted at 64 and white at 76 cents.

Spice brokers, Avery F. Payne and Company in their market letter issued over the week-end said that Friday's strength was "temporary reaction which trade accepted as overdue technical recovery. The drop of 36 cents in black has been consistent with the dispersal of spot stocks on arrival and supplies have become narrow, but there will be three steamers docking within the next two weeks with pepper from India. It is not possible to forecast the extent of the recovery, but so far there has been little change in the forward positions. Shortage of spot supplies can only be temporary. Practically all trading has been confined to dealers and until grinders start buying, it is difficult to witness anything but a temporary pick-up.

Closing prices included: March 57 nom; May 51 nom; July/September 46 nom. Oct. 45 nom; December 44 nom; January 42 nom.

ARGENTINE CENTRAL BANK

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 1 (Reu. PTI) The Argentine Central Bank today temporarily discontinued granting of foreign exchange for any purpose.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Feb. 2.

Rajkot Silver Maha 184-6, Rajkot Sugar Maha 92-4, Rajkot Sugar Chaitra 88-8, Rajkot Aranda Jan. 134-8, Dhoraji Silver Maha 184-2, Dhoraji Aranda Jan. 133-6, Jamnagar Silver Fagan 182-13, Jamnagar Aranda Jan. 133-4, Wadhwan Cotton Maha 28-5, Wadhwan Sugar Vaisakh 15-4-2.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Feb. 2.

Cotton Ready Sind NT 89, Punjab 289F 96-8, FourF 82, New Crop NT. Roller Ready delivery 88-8 to 89, Sawgin 92-8 to 93. Market steady with good demand from exporters.

Yesterday's business totalled about 3142 bales. Arrivals from upcountry 5307 bales. Exports totalled 5667 bales out of which 3492 bales for Bombay, 1150 bales for Liverpool, 500 bales for Tuticorin, 350 bales for Madras 175 bales for Calcutta.

Cottonseed NT Ready 8-8, do New Crop 9-4-6, Dessi 12-4, Rapeseed 155, Market quiet but steady with slow demand.

Yesterday's arrivals from upcountry 4429 mds. Exports totalled 3850 bags which were for Muscat, Salaya, Navalakhi, Bedibunder, Porbunder, Okha on account of slack of demand.

Stock Exchange quotations unchanged.

British Sugar Machinery For India

LONDON—(By Cable).

The Indian sub-continent is the best market for the output of sugar machinery manufacturers of the United Kingdom. This fact emerges from statistics just published by the British Sugar Machinery Export Group, which show that two-thirds of the exports in this category go to Commonwealth countries.

During recent months, India received machinery for two complete sugar factories to deal with 400 to 600 tons of cane per day, and a large part of the machinery for a larger factor of 2,000 tons. A nine-roller milling plant was also sent to India to improve the capacity of an existing factory.

Further exports to India included a number of individual units of heaters, evaporators, vacuum vats and centrifuge machines to improve efficiency and replace worn out plant.—London Press Service.

Anglo-Canadian Wheat Agreement

LONDON, (By Cable).—Britain and Canada have agreed to the terms of a new wheat contract for 1949-50, starting in August. The price will be the same as at present—$2 a bushel.

This is the last of the four years covered by the 1946 agreement. The total current value of the contract is about $280,000,000 a year.—(London Press Service).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Occasionally Firmer

LONDON, Feb. 2. (PTI-Reuter):—A firm start was generally made in the London Stock Exchange today at the beginning of the new account.

Initial gains however were not always held due to lack of business.

Recent buyers of long-dated Gilt-edged Stocks were taking profits and this section recorded one or two fractional losses.

The Argentine embargo on transfer of funds from that country caused a sharp fall in United Kingdom and Argentine issues. Forestal Lands, Agar Cross and Anglo-Argentine tramway stocks were all marked lower.

Among industrials there were scattered gains in tobaccos and textiles.

Oil shares were somewhat irregular but Ultramars were again outstanding with firmness following good support.

The foreign bond market remained without notable alteration apart from small declines in Chinese issues. Foreign rails showed a marked firmness in Brazilian stocks.

Buying of selected developers assisted the South African mining section during the earlier part of the session. Lack of follow through, however, resulted in gains being lost until late in the session when a revival of interest resulted in many gains.

Calicut Market

(From Our Correspondent)

CALICUT, Feb. 2.

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145; Quilandy 145/155; Fibre Garbled 100; Ungarbled 90; Cocoanuts Raw 172/179; Dry 140/156; Cocoanut Oil 575/580; Copra Office 390/395; Dilpasand 400; Madras Nottam 420; Pepper Wynaad 1125; Country 1100; Dryginger Chernad 485; Ernad 470; Coffee Robusta 145; Timber Pali 60/65; Junglewood 35/40; Vellapine 55/60; Benteak 30/40; Teak 80/120; Mango 3/3/8; Teak 10/17/8; Rosewood 10/20.

Latest Commercials

NEW PORK COTTON MARCH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.

Previous Closing	32.63
Today's Opening	32 64
Difference	+1
Today's Closing	32.58
Difference	—5

LAST QUOTATIONS.

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

	Rs. As.
Silver Bullion Ready	186 12
Gold Ready	117 12
Sovereign	75 4

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.

Opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted, General Motors dol. 61-7/8.

United States Steel Common dol. 75-1/2 (ex. div.)

Preference unquoted.—(Reuter).

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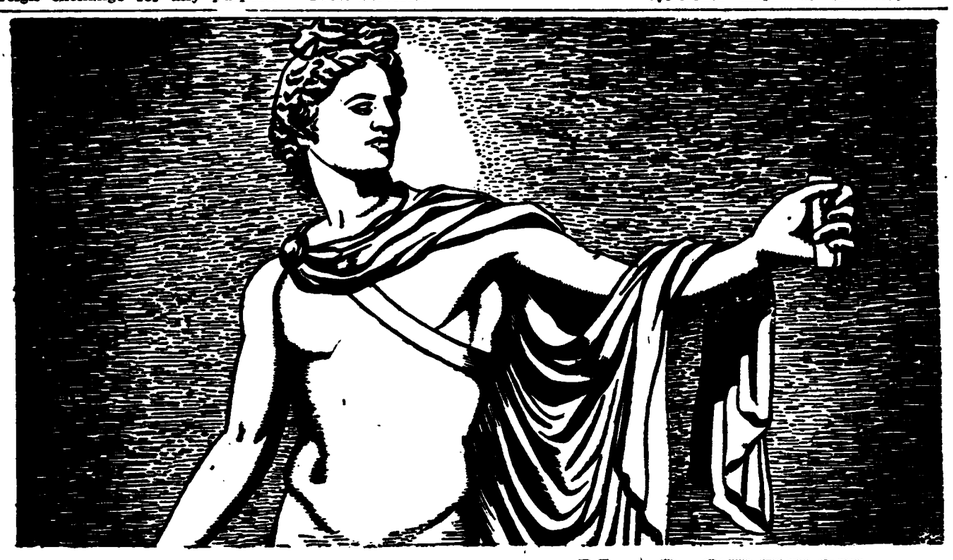

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Indian Parliament Ratifies Geneva Trade Pact

DISCUSSION ON BILL TO LIMIT DIVIDENDS OF PUBLIC COMPANIES CONTINUES

NEW DELHI, FEB. 2, (API): THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT TODAY PASSED THE COMMERCE MINISTER, MR. NEOGY'S BILL TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE AND TARIFF AGREEMENT WHICH INDIA ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES SIGNED AT GENEVA IN AUGUST LAST.

The House then began discussion on the Finance Minister's Bill to Limit Dividends of Public Companies. The Finance Minister indicated that if the House so wished he would accept Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed's amendment to refer the Bill to a Select Committee.

Discussion on the motion had not concluded when the House adjourned for the day.

Proceedings In Detail

The Dominion Parliament today continued discussion on the Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy's Bill further to amend the Indian Tariff Act so as to give effect to the International Trade Agreement.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, resuming his speech, said that the Government of India had participated both in the Havana and Geneva Conferences as an independent country. This had made the examination of the agreement a little more easy. The aim of the Conferences was not merely to make multilateral trade easier but to secure a higher degree of employment and raise the economic status of the participating countries. There were critics of Imperial Preference but under the International Trade Agreement the quantum of Imperial Preference had been reduced. A reduction of five or ten per cent in the standard rate of duty would not affect the revenue position adversely

He urged the Government to have a proper organisation to watch the operation of the agreement. For this purpose they should have a statistical organisation.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa criticised certain aspects of the Bill. He asked whether the Government had taken into consideration Indian industries before giving concession to foreign trade. There were a large variety of wines on which they had given concession which would affect their revenue. They had given concession to France to export perfumes, which would affect Indian industries. He wanted to know why preferential duty had been given to United Kingdom and British Colonies in respect of certain articles and what was the reciprocal advantage that India gained from that preferential treatment. He asked for an assurance that the House should be taken into confidence in future before the Government arrived at any agreement.

Mr. B. Das said that the agreement would very much affect poor people in this country and that India would not derive any advantage by it. The passing of this Bill envisaged that upto December 1950, Imperial Preference by one name or another would continue. Was it the intention of the Congress or the members of this House, he asked, to continue Imperial Preferences?

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyengar said he would have liked to enter into regional arrangements with countries in South-East Asia and the Middle East. This would be more profitable to the country rather than looking to the United States and United Kingdom.

K. T. SHAH'S OBJECTION

Prof. K. T. Shah thought that the basic principles of the Bill was inconsistent with the interests of the country. In examining questions like trade barriers and concessions, Government should not kee in view small European countries. India's case, with her size, population and economic potentialities, was entirely different.

There was a vast internal market which could be developed with organisation and skill. If the ideal of national self-sufficiency could at all be obtained, then India was the country which could do it.

Trade had a different meaning to India. The Government, with a confused understanding of the problem, had allowed itself to be roped in to this agreement. A country like England could not live without exports and similarly the economy of the United States would be adversely affected, had there been no exports for her. Situated as India was, no country in the world, either under-developed or industrially and economically advanced, could claim equality

NEOGY'S REPLY

The Commerce Minister, Mr K. C. Neogy, replying to the debate, gave a background of the various stages of discussions in India before the agreement was signed. There was a most careful examination of the principles of the Charter and the agreement by the various Ministries, by a consultative Committee of Economists, by the Trade Policy Committee and besides there were joint meetings of these bodies, before a decision was arrived at. These discussions spread over 18 months and almost every view-point that was expressed in the House had come up for consideration and the final conclusion reached was that on the whole it was to India's interest and advantage to join the international organisation.

Mr. Neogy next dealt with the work of the Indian Delegation in Geneva and pointed out how India succeeded in getting the provision relating to quantitative restrictions modified. The concessions given were not of a deciding character which would affect prejudicially our existing industries or industries for which there was good scope in India and which we might start in future. The only condition here was that if India made any departure to grant special protection to any particular industry she must satisfy the contracting parties that in practice the protection would not amount to anything more than would be the case, had we resorted to the normal method of protection.

Mr. Neogy went on to say that it had been assumed that the concessions India had agreed to in respect of raw materials, which she had been exporting so far were unsuitable. But the critics had forgotten that the demand for these commodities would continue to be the same. Of course, there was partition of the country and India, had consequently lost some of her commanding position.

PATTERN OF TRADE CHANGING

Mr. Neogy pointed out that the pattern of trade in India was rapidly changing. Instead of being an exporter, we had become a net importer of raw cotton and jute. The country was now virtually emerging as an exporter of manufactured goods.

A good bargain had been struck with Australia whereby Indian textiles get preferential treatment over the United Kingdom goods. He was hopeful that India would begin to export soaps. Two trade delegations, Afganistan and Iraq, were now in India negotiating for the import of manufactured goods.

References had been made to the importance of importing capital goods. India was in a position to command capital goods but then she must first import food and had told some countries that they were under a definite obligation to supply the food we required at the same time, it could not be said that we were not going to negotiate any matters which interested those countries.

INDIA CAN'T COMMAND ALWAYS

The Commerce Minister then spoke of the trend of trade these days:

India recently negotiated with Czechoslovakia a trade agreement. Czechoslovakia put forward a demand that she was prepared to supply us capital goods but we must agree to import quantities of glass bangles from her because at one time Czechoslovakia built up that industry on the strength of the demand for bangles from India. This was an illustration to show that India just cannot go about commanding what she required.

In regard to the financial implications of the concessions agreed to, Mr. Neogy said on the basis of 1945-46 revenue it would cost the country about 34 lakhs of rupees. Since then the country had been partitioned. The agreement was in force only for the last eight months and it would be extremely difficult to forecast any figure at this stage.

The Commerce Minister emphasised that the concessions agreed to would not entail any great loss. On the other hand, he expected a greater volume of trade and what they lost by way of duty in respect of a particular item would be more than made up by the larger volume of imports expected

REDUCTION IN IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

Mr. Neogy next dealt with the question of Imperial Preference. The House was a Sovereign Legislature and it could revise the policy, if that was the desire. But he would appeal to the members not to be misled by slogans. It was true that Imperial Preference had a political taint about it, which made it difficult for the House to reconcile itself to it. But conditions had changed and India was independent. Actually the position was that the agreement had brought about a reduction in Imperial Preference.

Mr. Neogy said he could not agree to refer the bill to a Select Committee. The agreement was an international document and it was not open to them to make any unilateral changes. So far as the concessions were concerned, they were the result of negotiations.

After some discussions the House passed the bill.

LIMITING DIVIDENDS

The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, next moved the bill to limit the dividends payable by public companies.

Dr. Matthai indicated that if the House so desired, Government would have no objection to the bill being referred to a Select Commitee.

Explaining the purport of the bill, Dr. Matthai said that the provisions of the bill were already in operation in the form of an Ordinance and there was, therefore, need for him to explain it at length. The main purpose for which Government had introduced the Ordinance and for which they were now introducing the bill was to provide a certain anti-inflationary force in the country. To the extent that the measure would, limit dividends. The flow of purchasing power into the hands of the people would be checked.

Besides this primary purpose, there was also another incidental purpose. A measure of this kind would also help industrial and business concerns to build up their internal finance, so that, in view of the difficult conditions prevailing in the money market, all reasonable expenditure could be met by funds thus built up.

The bill proposed to limit dividends in two ways: Either 6 per cent of the paid up capital of the company or the average dividend distributed by the particular concern during the two years ending March, 1948, whichever happened to be higher.

In practice, Dr. Matthai explained, as far as existing concerns were concerned, they would continue to pay whatever average dividend they had paid during the past two years. As far as new concerns were concerned, they would be subject to the 6 per cent limitation.

If bonus shares had been distributed by any concerns dunring the year ending March 1948, the amounts so distributed would not be taken into account in calculating the average dividend.

Bonus shares, the Finance Minister explained, were in the nature of capital distributed rather than dividend.

Secondly, if there had been any variation in the amount of paid up capital of a concern it would be necessary to make 'pro rata' adjustment of the average amount of dividend.

A third qualification prescribed was that whatever rates had been fixed would be paid on preferential shares. Preferential shares would, also, however, be in future paid only the maximum of 6 per cent dividend.

PURELY ANTI-INFLATIONARY

Analysing the various amendments, of which he had received notice, the Finance Minister stated some of them seemed to have misunderstood the scope of the bill. Some of them thought that this was a measure to fix the maximum rates for return on capital. He would disabuse the minds of these members and say that this was purely an anti-inflationary measure. Some amendments sought to lower or raise the rate of 6 per cent which had been suggested. Such amendments were not relevant to the primary purpose of this measure.

The measure was an emergency measure and unless inflationary conditions, to fight which it was being introduced, continued, it would not be extended beyond December 31' 1950.

Another feature of the bill was that it was applicable only to public companies. Much as it might be desirable to make it aplicable to private companies also, Government had thought it best to avoid doing so. If the measure were applied to private companies, it might result in large scale evasion on a excessive scale of payment of Super Taxes by private companies.

MOVE FOR SELECT COMMITTEE

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed, moving for reference of the bill to a Select Committee, said that capital was shy and nervous in spite of the Ordinance, which was a liberal one.

While the dividends had been limited to a maximum of six percent, the poor middle-class investor did not know whether his capital would be safe. For, there was no minimum return guaranteed.

Mr. B. Das welcomed the measure as an equitable one but thought that the Finance Minister had forgotten that on the case of the Electricity Act passed last year they had fixed the return at 5 per cent for public utility works. Could not the same figure be fixed here also, he asked.

Mr. Das said he was glad the bill would limit the dividends paid by the Imperial Bank also.

Mr. Khandubhai Desai said there was no need to refer this emergency measure to a Select Committee.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa said that he could not understand why the Finance Minister, after originally intending to get the bill passed quickly, was now agreeing to have it referred to a Select Committee and delay it. It was after all an emergency measure and why should it be delayed? Did it indicate that the Finance Minister was going to let the bill be whittled down?

The Finance Minister, explaining this point, said he would leave it to the House to decide whether the Bill should be passed straightaway or go to a Select Committee.

Prof. N. G. Ranga said that a distinction had been made between old and new companies. He was anxious that this discrimination should be either done away with or should be minimised as far as possible.

Prof. Ranga had not concluded his speech when the House adjourned till tomorrow.

Gradual Reclamation Of Land

JAIRAMDAS ANSWERS QUESTIONS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (U.P.I.): The Food Minister, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, informed Mr. R. K. Sidhwa in the Dominion Parliament this morning that of 65 million acres of culturable waste land 4,66,601 acres were reclaimed during the year 1948. Schemes for gradual reclamation of land were being undertaken, he added.

The total production of eight major foodgrains in the importing area of the Indian Union during 1947-48, said Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, amounted to about 42.66 million tons as against about 42.07 million tons in 1946-47.

It had, however, not been possible, he continued, to reduce the imports during 1948. This was due to the cumulative effect of a number of factors, the important among which were (1) re-imposition of food controls, (2) increased shortage in internal availabilities due to widespread failure of rains which had resulted in famine conditions over a large area of Cutch, Saurashtra Baroda, Gujrat, districts of Bombay, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and parts of Bikaner and Jaipur and severe damage to U.P. and Bihar crops on account of heavy floods and in Bombay and C.P. on account of cyclone, (3) steady increase in population at the assumed rate of four millions per year necessitating additional provisions every year of half a million tons of foodgrains, (4) partition and the consequent loss to India of the surplus areas of the northwest.

Shri Khurshed Lal, Deputy Minister, Communications, informed Mr. Sidhwa that the cause of fire at the telephone exchange in Calcutta in October last year was still under investigation. The approximate loss was Rs. 12 lakhs and the number of telephones affected was 6,052. He added that 2197 connections had since been restored. Government, he said, contemplated to remodel the entire telephone exchange system and the total estimated cost of automatising the system was Rs. 1340 lakhs. The work was scheduled to be taken in hand immediately and completed in five stages by the end of 1954.

Mr. Khurshed Lal informed Mr. Mahavir Tyagi that the Government of India held 49 per cent of the share capital of the Air India International and had the option to acquire a further two per cent at any time.

Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyangar informed Mr. Biswnath Das that during the period from 1st June to 31st December, 1948, twentyone serious accidents in which passenger trains were involved and ten in which goods trains were involved occurred on Indian Government railways. Sixty-seven persons were killed and 254 received injuries of varying degrees. Of the 31 accidents, seven were due to failure on the part of the train crew or station staff, he said. Enquiries, he continued were instituted into every case of accident and suitable preventive action taken where necessary.

The total passenger traffic earnings said Mr. K. Santhanam by classes on Indian Government railways during 1947-48 were:

(1) First Class—Rs. 2,26,27,000; (2) Second Class Rs. 5,62,11,000; (3) Inter-Class —Rs. 3,90,67,000; and (4) Third Class—Rs. 53,28,64,000.

Dr. S. P. Mookerjee informed Prof. Ranga that imports of Iron and steel from U.S.A., Canada, the U. K. and Belgium were more than doubled in 1948 when compared with 1947 figures. He added that if all demands were to be met, the total requirements would be over 1-1/2 million tons from imports.

Dr. Mookerjee informed the same member that the actual output of graded machine tools in 1947 and 1948 was 1400 and 1691 respectively. In 1948, he said, 16 new firms started manufacture of machine tools, thus making a total of about 53 ungraded firms. The output of graded machine tools was expected to increase by about 50 percent during that year 1949. Applications for licences to import machine tools were screened he said, with a view to protecting the industrial concerns which were engaged in the manufacture of machine tools. No Government factory, he said had yet been started but action to establish a factory for the manufacture of more intricate types of machine tools hitherto not manufactured in India had been initiated.

Mr. Ayyangar told Mr. Biswanath Das that no construction had yet begun on the projects for railway lines within Orissa and the States that had merged with Orissa. The projects in Orissa would be considered by the Central Board of Transport on February 5, 1949.

Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar added that no reorganisation of the Bengal Nagpur Railway as such was under consideration of Government.

Answering Prof. N. G. Ranga, Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar stated that 100 all-metal third class coaches were expected to be completed by March, 1950. The approximate cost of each coach was Rs. 99,000. The coaches were manufactured by Hindustan Aircraft Limited, Bangalore, but there were schemes to manufacture these coaches at other places also. The average number of new passenger coaches needed to replace overage coaches was 370 per year. The number needed to replace coaches which had become overage since 1939 is about 2400.

TALKS WITH JAIPRAKASH

Replying to Mr. Anantasayanam Ayyangar, the Minister of State for Transport, Mr. K. Santhanam said that discussions had been held between Government and Mr. Jaiprakash Narain on some matters under dispute between the Railwaymen's Federation and the Railways. No settlement had as yet been reached. Government's policy in regard to strikes was that they were naturally opposed to strikes and lock-outs.

STEEL IMPORTS

The Industries Minister, Dr. Shyamprasad Mukherjee, informed Prof. Ranga that imports of iron and steel from the U. S. A., Canada, the U. K. and Belgium had improved during the last year when imports more than doubled compared with 1947 figures. If all the demands were to be met, they would require over one and a half million tons from imports.

Dr. Mukherjee, replying to Mr. Ranga on the implementation of the new textile policy of the Government said 32 spinning mills and 71 composite mills were now working three shifts a day for spinning and 25 composite mills for spinning and weaving. The average production of raw cotton in India had increased.

CROP POSITION

Replying to Mr. V. Subramanyam, the Food Minister, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, stated that generally speaking seasonal conditions were favourable for the current Kharif crops. Considerable damage had been caused to the millets and maize crops by heavy floods during September, 1948, in the U.P. and Bihar. There was a continuous and prolonged drought in the whole of Western India. Excessive and untimely rainfall in November followed by cyclone had caused considerable damage to crops in Bombay and C.P. the yield of the Kharif crops would, therefore, be below normal.

Seasonal conditions had not so far been unfavourable to "Rabi" crops but rains were, needed now, and in parts of Bombay and Saurashtra wheat seedlings were reported to have been attacked by rust. Assuming that the "Rabi" crops would be normal Government would have to distribute under their basic plan to the deficit administration about four million tons of food grains during 1949.

Total production of food grains during the crop year 1947-48 was 42,663 thousand tons, during 1948, Central Government imported a total of 24,800 thousands tons of foodgrains valued at Rs. 126.6 crores of rupees.

SIMLA, Feb. 2. (U.P.I.): Encouraging signs of confidence returning amongst the business community are evident from the number of registration of new companies, says an official announcement.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

26. "Robin Hood"

This, frankly, was a new one on us. A soldier returned from Burma and evidently resourceful in peace as in war has taken to selling bows, slings and catapults to schoolboys who are lost in admiration of his heroic if unusual figure. He is so little seen that this looks almost like an advertisement but he moves rapidly around and does a brisk trade. Very soon, there will be not a pane left unbroken and that is not going to be very pleasant. But then, what will you? Boys will be boys and it is the boy in this army man which has shown him the possibilities in the new business he has started.

Durban Riots, Not A Stray Incident

NEHRU REVIEWS SITUATION

India's Policy Is To Promote Co-operation And Goodwill Among Coloured Races

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 2 (A.P.I.): THE PRIME MINISTER PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, MAKING A STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ON THE RECENT RIOTS IN DURBAN, SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT SO VIOLENT A RUPTURE IN THE PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIANS AND AFRICANS COULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE BECAUSE OF A STRAY INCIDENT AND THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN OTHER CAUSES.

However, as the Government of South Africa had set up a commission of enquiry to investigate into the causes of the riots, the Government of India proposed to withhold their comment on the origin and course of the riots.

The Government of India, the Prime Minister added, were seriously exercised over the deterioration in the relations between the Indians and Africans in South Africa.

The Prime Minister said that he had sent a message to the Premier of South Africa expressing the hope that the commission which the South African Government had appointed to enquire into the riots would investigate into the basic cause of the riots and that steps would be taken to prevent such incidents in future.

Pandit Nehru had also informed Dr. Malan that he had instructed the Secretary to the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Chari, to do whatever he can to help the Indian and South African population.

Dr. Malan had replied stating that he had noted Pandit Nehru's request and that he would place at the disposal of Mr. Chari all the available information.

Pandit Nehru emphasised that the policy of the Government of India not only in South Africa but in respect of the whole of that continent was to promote close friendship between Indians and Africans.

While earnestly desiring security government did not look with sympathy at the establishment of any vested interest which would retard the progress of the South Africans. This view had been frequently communicated to the Indian community in South Africa.

CO-OPERATION

The Government of India's Policy had been to promote co-operation and goodwill between the Indians and Africans. While earnestlye desiring security and well-being of Indians abroad, the Government did not look with sympathy on the establishment of any vested interests which might retard the advancement of Africans in their own homeland.

This view had been frequently communicated to the representatives of Indians there.

The Prime Minister added that to begin with they had placed at the disposal of the Secretary to the High Commissioner in South Africa, Mr. Chari, a sum of Rs. 50,000 for relief work. Further sums would be placed at his disposal as and when required. It had been made clear that the amount should not be utilised for the relief of any particular community.

The Prime Minister stated that the situation in Durban was now quiet, and gave the following figures of casualties which the Prime Minister of South Africa had given him.

Indians killed 53, injured 668; Africans killed 83, and injured 1,085; Europeans killed one and injured 30.

The Secretary to the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Chari who had visited Durban had reported that there was considerable destruction of dwelling houses and shops of Indians. About 250 dwelling houses and shops 53 had been destroyed. The damage was estimated at about £300,000 at one time about 20,000 Indians were in refugee camps accommodated in various improvised places such as the Indian schools.

The reopening of Indian schools had been postponed pending the finding of suitable temporary shelter for the refugees. The camps were run efficiently by the Indian Volunteer Committee. A sum of over £14,000 had been colleagued for relief, mostly from Indians. So far as relief of Africans was concerned, it was the responsibility of the native affairs department of the South African Government. About twelve hundred Africans had left their houses.

FORMER BISHOP OF BOMBAY DEAD

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (A.P.I.): The death occurred last night of the Rt. Rev. Brenton Thoburn Badley, retired Bishop of the Methodist Church. He was Bishop of Bombay from 1924 to 1936 and Bishop of Dlehi from 1936 to 1944.

Bishop Badley, who was 73 was a noted scholar and preacher and author of a number of books, including "Hindustan's Horizon"

MOVE FOR GUJERAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, February 2.

It is learnt from well-informed commercial circles here that in view of the industrial importance of Ahmedabad, a Gujerat Chamber of Commerce is going to be formed in Ahmedabad. A meeting of prominent industrialists and businessmen has been called on Monday to decide the constitution under the presidentship of Sheth Kasturbhai Lalubhai.

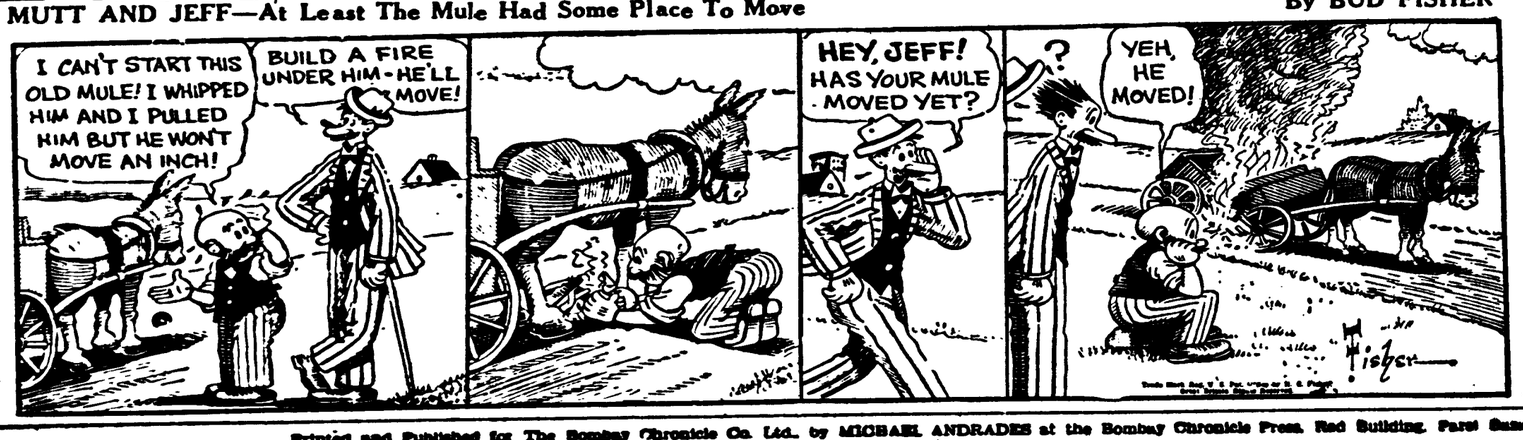
DIVIDEND INTIMATION BILL

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 2.

The President, Ahmedabad Share and Stock broker's Association has telegraphed to the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, India Government, requesting that the Dividend Intimation Bill which is introduced in Parliament may be referred to a Select Committee as the Association wishes to make certain suggestions which would make working of the bill equitable without defeating the object or the purpose of the bill.

MUTT AND JEFF—At Least The Mule Had Some Place To Move — By BUD FISHER


I CAN'T START THIS OLD MULE! I WHIPPED HIM AND I PULLED HIM BUT HE WON'T MOVE AN INCH!
BUILD A FIRE UNDER HIM - HE'LL MOVE!
HEY, JEFF! HAS YOUR MULE MOVED YET?
?
YEH, HE MOVED!
Fisher

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